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Troops train for intense urban combat

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Hundreds of Michigan National Guard Troops are doing their annual training on a simulated army base which has been dubbed "Iraqistan."

Soldiers who have been or are currently deployed to the war on terrorism stay on Fixed Operating Bases (FOB), military bases which are essentially tiny cities which include all the amenities and facilities the troops need to facilitate their mission. Between 300 to 1,500 troops may be based on a FOB, depending on the mission the soldiers have been trained to complete.

For the second year in a row, Michigan National Guard troops have trained at the FOB Wolverine at Camp Grayling during annual training. Tons of sand have been hauled in to create a desert-like environment live in are set up on the base. The base has its own medical center, chapel and military welfare and recreation center, where the soldiers can watch movies or have barbeques during off duty hours. Troops must request permission to leave the FOB from a movement control cell, and can only travel in convoys of no less than three vehicles.

During annual training, the troops are conducting entry control point training, learning to protect the entrances of the base from insurgents and suicide car bombers.

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A soldier, above, takes a female troop acting as an insurgent prisoner into custody while conducting a vehicle search.



Troops, above, conduct room clearing exercises at a group of framed in rooms with a cat walk to simulate searching a home or industrial building for terrorists.

Photos by Dan Sanderson

Zoning approved for theme park

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Staff Writer

Grayling Township planners approved the zoning for a \$161 million theme park proposed to be developed south of the City of Grayling.

The Grayling Township Planning Commission, last week, approved a planned unit development for the theme park called Main Street America Inc., which is proposed to be built on 1,800 acres of land located east of I-75 and north of Four Mile Road. The recommendation will now go to the Crawford County Planning Commission for their review.

Approval of the planned unit development suspends the previous zoning classification for the property.

Patrick Crosson, the project manager for Mainstreet America, will have to come back to planners for each building and development on the property.

"Each and every structure and anything that has to be built there will have to be approved by the planning commission," said Terry Wright, the Grayling Township Supervisor and zoning administrator. "Once he starts building, he probably will be back before us on a monthly-basis."

Grayling Township planners approved the conceptual plan for Main Street America, Inc. in May, a step required by Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to have the property appraised for the poten-

tial sale to the developers.

In 2000, the DNR entered into a memorandum of understanding with Grayling area officials which made about 1,800 acres of land located east of I-75 available for industrial or commercial development. The pact with the state to develop the land is with the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

In June 2006, Axiom Entertainment, a company Crosson is involved with, signed a memorandum of understanding with the DNR, giving the firm a two-year option to purchase the entire tract of land.

The theme park will include a water park, children's play area, a high end resort, outdoor amphitheater, a NASCAR style racing track and retail stores.

Developers also plan to celebrate the nostalgia of Christmas year round and hope to make snow throughout the entire year. They also want to have the largest Christmas tree and largest Ferris wheel at the park.

Crosson said he was pleased to receive the zoning approval from township planners.

"Obviously, we feel this is a very positive step and we continue to move forward with our plans," he said.

About 100 people attended the meeting last week.

Some adjacent property owners raised concerns over being able to access their land.

Crosson said he will ensure Continued on Page 2A
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Chamber of Commerce makes staffing changes

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After organizing and getting through the largest event of the year, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board announced that it was revamping the organization.

The Grayling Regional of Chamber of Commerce Board announced that it was laying off Executive Director Tim Zigila, effective Aug. 1, due to budget woes. Zigila served two stints as the chamber director for about eight years.

The Chamber is actively involved with organizing the AuSable River Festival and Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, which took place at the end of July.

The Chamber also changed its hours to be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, instead of operating from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Office coordinator Kathy Thomas will retain her position, and Chamber board members and volunteers will help staff the office.

"Your Chamber is still here to serve you, but we're in a financial crunch, and until we can get

it resolved, we will have to operate with less services and cut back staff," said Lanice Rutter, chairwoman for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

The current mission of the chamber of commerce is to serve as an advocate for Crawford County, focusing on the protection and advancement of economic and business development, community image, natural resources and the quality of life of the region. The Chamber also provides information to visitors and tourists in the community regarding special events, accommodations, business listings and services provided by its members.

As part of the changes, the Chamber board will be updating its by-laws, mission statement and policies.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer, who is an ex-officio member on the Chamber Board, said the organization needs a new management plan.

"We need to try to not be all things to all people," Thayer said.

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Fire away



The annual Loomis Artillery Shoot took place on July 28 and 29 at Range #35 in Grayling. Pictured is the crew of the First Maryland Cavalry, CSA, who took first place in the cannon competition. They include (from left): Tim Scanlan, Katie Scanlan, Ray Quinn, Mary Ann Horne, Kenny Horne and Kelly Fee. First place mountain rifle went to McNeil's Rangers, CSA. First place in the siege mortar and coehorn divisions went to the Loomis Battery of Michigan Light Artillery.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Troops, above, simulate rescuing a wounded soldier while conducting entry control point training, learning to protect the entrances of military bases from insurgents attacks and suicide car bombers.

Troops train for urban combat

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Soldiers which have deployed to Iraq, such as Brian Sinclair from the 1439th Engineering Detachment, portrayed insurgents during the training. The enemy comes out of the woods and from the sides, of the entrance to the base, and troops have to determine if they are friendly or are the enemy.

"It provides realism for what the troops have been training for or have maybe heard about," said Sinclair. "We keep changing our programs and scenarios that we're throwing at them."

A public address system and a pop-up Iraqi figure conducting "a call to prayer," a religious ceremony held five times throughout the day in Iraq, also tests the soldiers on if an insurgent is calling out orders or is actually telling others to pray.

"That's the kind of judgement calls the troops are having to make overseas every day overseas," said Master Sgt. Ron Rafflik, a spokesperson for the Michigan National Guard.

A female soldier portrayed a pregnant woman holding a bomb during the training, simu-

lating a recent incident where an Iraqi mother of eight tried to attack troops for the insurgent cause.

"We're kind of writing the text book as we go," Rafflik said.

The troops are also learning how to find and detect improvised explosive devices, bombs made from common household items that can be detonated with a cell phone.

The devices are being placed along roadways, under vehicles, trash, dead animals or dead people. A pop can may be placed on a car antenna to detonate a suicide car bomber who may choose not to follow through with an attack.

"They're pouring everything they can into trying to beat us," said Master Sgt. Dave Schneider of the Joint Force Headquarters unit based out of Lansing.

After learning how to search homes, cars and detect booby trapped doors for explosive devices, the soldiers are tested on their training on Sutter's Lane. The course is dedicated to the memory of Staff Sgt. Michael Sutter of the 745th Ordnance Company based out of

Camp Grayling, who was killed in Iraq on December 26, 2003 while attempting to render safe an improvised explosive device when it detonated.

A group of framed in rooms with a cat walk overhang allows troops to simulate room clearing exercises while searching a home or industrial building for terrorists.

"The soldiers have to be on their feet and agile because this is high-intensity, urban combat," said 1st Lt. Brian Genz from 425th Infantry Air Borne Division Long Range Surveillance Unit. "Every time they go through that door, they're going to run into something different."

Hundreds of bosses have been touring Camp Grayling to see their employees in action through Operation Boss Lift.

Mag. Thomas Vern, from the 507th Engineering Battalion based out of Kalamazoo, told the bosses he appreciated them holding jobs open while troops are serving the county.

"We know we're going and we know we have to be combat ready," Vern said. "There is no

more weekend warrior. That all ended on Sept. 11."

There are 2,300 Michigan National Guard soldiers taking part in annual training at Camp Grayling, down from a typical training period due to the deployment of troops. Soldiers are also not required to go to annual training for one year after serving a mission.

"The fewer people training, the better focused it can be, so it's definitely not a disadvantage," Rafflik said. "There is a very high sense of urgency to accomplish as much as we can in the little time that we have."

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 85 percent of the Michigan National Guard has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. More than 80 percent of the Michigan National Guard remain available and ready to respond to a state emergency including a terrorist event.

"It's a Guard family and it's a Guard community, and there is a real world mission out there and we're ready for it every day," Rafflik said.

Zoning approved for theme park

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of the park's neighbors that they will have access property under their legal rights.

"I will work with the property owners one-on-one to clarify any questions and address their concerns," Crosson said.

Other residents questioned what impact the water park and overall development will have on the groundwater.

Crosson said developers are going through all the necessary steps with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and DNR to meet all state regulations.

"We have not circumvented any processes and as issues come up, we will address them," Crosson said.

Jay Gallimore, the president

of the Michigan Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, said he was concerned with the impact that potential light pollution from the park may have on the observatory at Camp AuSable.

Crosson said the theme park would be closed down by 10 p.m. The Ferris wheel and Christmas tree would be lit up during evening hours.

"They are the only two components that will be lit up, along with the security lighting that we will be required to have," Crosson said.

Axiom Entertainment is seeking to bond between \$5 and \$7 million through Crawford County to pay for infrastructure and electrical upgrades for the development.

The developers are also counting on the Michigan Department of Transportation to budget state funds to upgrade I-75 and Four Mile Road to handle the increased traffic. Crosson said that the park could draw up to 55,000 visitors a day during the peak summer tourism season.

Lance Weyeneth, a local real estate agent and conservationist, questioned putting public funding into the development.

"Is this really the answer to the state's economic concerns, investing in another theme park and water park, or would we be better off taking that money and using it to protect our natural resources and promoting the quality of life we have here in northern Michigan," Weyeneth said

City officials plan for parking, construction

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are working on plans for additional parking during the upcoming streetscape project as well as long range plans for parking in the downtown business district.

The Grayling City Council took input, last week, from representatives from the Grayling Uptown District Association for parking during the \$1.3 million streetscape project.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said he has been negotiating a lease for parking space with Bill Gannon, the owner of the former Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Motel. Gannon purchased the property earlier this year.

Gannon also owns Gannon Broadcasting Bear's Den Pizzeria, Dawson and Stevens Classic Dinner, Growler's Pub Pizza and Brew and the former Ben Franklin's building.

Thayer said he has been negotiating a lease for the property with Gannon since February.

"We've been wrestling with this, so we're sending back a response to his proposal to see if we can get something done," Thayer said.

Improvements would be made to the parking area by the end of August if a deal on a lease can be reached, Thayer said.

Meanwhile, city officials planned to award the contract for the streetscape project on Tuesday afternoon, when bids were due from contractors.

Since the contractors have a

100-day deadline to complete the project, Thayer said construction should begin within 10 days.

Contractors will be working on one block and one side of the street at a time, although the final staging and scheduling for work was part of the bid specifications city officials will review.

"We need to move as fast as we can, so we can start the clock," Thayer said.

Businesses will remain open during the construction and plywood will be placed in front of businesses to provide temporary sidewalks.

"We will plan it so it will be as least disruptive as possible right from the get go," Thayer said.

The project will include installing brick paved sidewalks, leveling and widening the sidewalks, landscaping, decorative street lights, replacing sewer and water mains and repaving Michigan Avenue and Burton Court streets.

The City of Grayling was awarded a \$519,767 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to help pay for water, sewer and street upgrades in the downtown business district.

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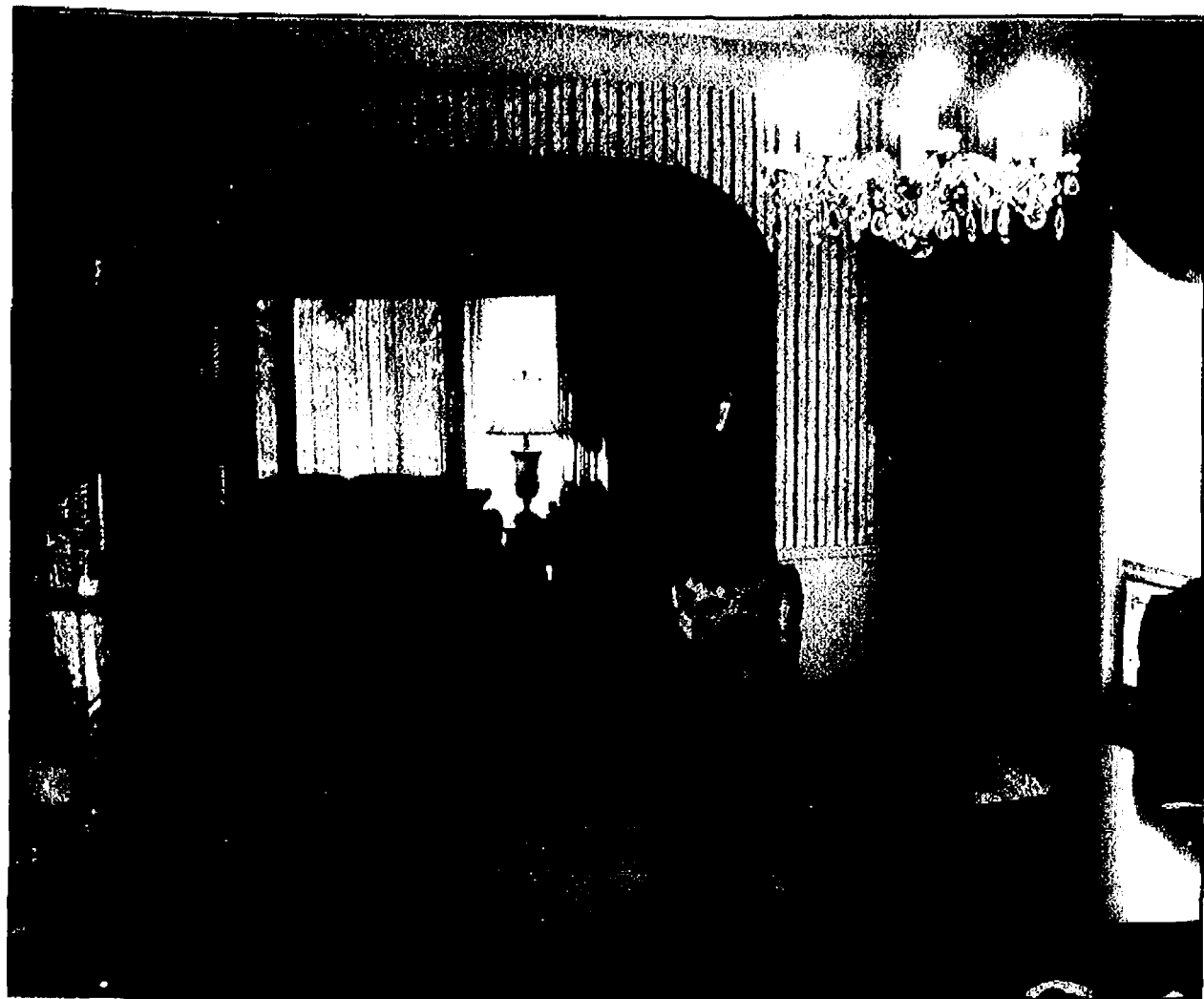
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Crawford County residents explored their history last Saturday during the Historical Homes Tour, sponsored by the Crawford County Historical Society. Four historic homes in downtown Grayling, all built between 1892 and 1905, were opened up to the public. Pictured is the dining area and living room of the home of Marius Hanson, located on 307 Ogemaw and built in 1903. Hanson owned the Bank of Grayling in the early days of the county. Other homes on display included the Hanson House, the Nels Peter Olson home and the Mr. Roffee & Mr. Siegel Home.

Businesses forced to relocate

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling residents seeking a new hair style from a local barber and beautician will have to go to different locations soon after a local developer changed plans for the property they lease.

Jim VanderLaan, the owner of Convent Capital, a Lake City based development firm, informed tenants in a letter on July 23 that they will have to vacate the building they lease on Huron Street by Sept. 14.

The move affects the Essence of Beauty, the Riverside Barbershop, the local American Federation of Teachers office and H & R Block.

VanderLaan is selling property he owns on the corner of the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East to Madison Heights Developer Larry Campbell, who will be building a Walgreens drug store on the land.

Initially, VanderLaan told his tenants that the drug store would be located on the property where Cornell Insurance and Coldwell Banker-Cornell Realty are located as well as the former Pizza Hut site. He said he planned to demolish the building which was used by the Resurrection Life Church. The congregation recently moved into its new church located on M-72 East.

VanderLaan, in a letter dated April 5, also told his tenants that he planned to put a new roof on the building and replace the heating and air conditioning equipment.

VanderLaan said the decision to demolish the second building was made when changes were made regarding the size of the Walgreens store, and the location of driveways and easements for the site plan. The Grayling City Planning Commission approved plans for the Walgreens store in June.

VanderLaan said that his tenants have been operating on a month-to-month lease for years, and could have left with little notice.

VanderLaan said he will not charge his tenants rent for the two weeks in September. He is also working with agents at Coldwell Banker-Cornell Realty in hopes of helping them relocate.

"It's unfortunate that some businesses will be displaced, but I just think Walgreens will be a tremendous asset to the area," VanderLaan said. "Hopefully, the renaissance of Grayling will continue."

Penny Solomonson, the owner of Essence of Beauty, has operated on Huron Street for 30 years. She is now looking for a new location to finish out her career.

"I only have eight more years before I can retire," Solomonson said. "I need some place to go, where I can conduct business."

Solomonson said she was shocked when she received a second letter from VanderLaan, informing her that the building was going to be demolished.

"He has a right to anything he

wants to with the property, but I would have liked to have been given some sort of consideration," Solomonson said. "At this point, I'm having a hard time finding a place to go."

Luther Clyburn, the owner of the Riverside Barbershop, said he was disheartened when informed that he had to leave the building.

"I'm literally heartbroken," Clyburn said. "The people in this town have been so good to me, and now I'm going to have to relocate in 53 days."

Clyburn said he is upset that VanderLaan reneged on the promises he made to upgrade the building earlier this year.

"He totally dishonored every commitment he gave me," Clyburn said.

After giving a regular customer a haircut last week, Clyburn vowed to find a new location. Clyburn said he has a number of customers seeking new locations for his business, but he does not want to risk moving into a new building that may be sold out from under him.

"I'm working every little bit of magic I can," Clyburn said.

Pam Prause, office manager for the American Federation of Teachers, which represents 20 teacher's and school support staff unions, said they will find a new office to lease or will buy a building.

"I'm just an office," Prause said. "The other tenants are having a hard time finding a place they can afford and that meets

Murals cause stir with city officials

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two murals recently painted on downtown Grayling businesses has caused city officials to take a closer look at the community's sign ordinance.

City of Grayling officials recently sent letters to the owners of the Xpress Copy Center and Flowers by Josie, informing them that murals painted to promote their businesses were in violation of the city's sign ordinance.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that Xpress Copy Center did not get a permit for the mural, which features a flock of deer running through the woods and an adjacent bald eagle surrounded by an American flag. A painted sign, next to the mural, promotes the services of the business. The mural was painted by Grayling artist Dean Worden.

Thayer said the mural is in violation of the total amount of wall signage a business is allowed to have, which is based on the amount of property Xpress Copy has fronting Michigan Avenue. Xpress Copy Center has signs on Michigan Avenue, as well as on the outside wall fronting the I-75 Business Loop. Thayer said City Attorney Dave Sabin and city officials will

address businesses which have multiple outside walls for signage as they tweak the ordinance.

A mural painted on the back of the Bicycle Shop, which was commissioned by Ernie Dawson, the owner of Flowers by Josie and Thanks a Latte, was completed last month to promote the three businesses. The mural, done by Grayling artist Terry Dickinson, is a rendering of a poster created by Alphonse Mucha, a popular artist in the late 1800s and early 1900s known for developing the art nouveau technique.

Thayer said Dawson also failed to get a permit for the mural. The city's sign ordinance also does not allow off premise advertising.

Thayer said that the businesses owners would have been fine if the images were painted on the buildings, and did not paint wording advertising the businesses.

"Murals are fine, it's when you combine them with advertising where it becomes an issue," Thayer said.

Thayer said city officials have worked with other businesses and entities in the community such as Dollar Castle and Mercy Hospital Grayling to address

sign issues.

"By getting a permit, we can work with them to make what they want to do work," Thayer said.

Thayer said that Sabin is taking the lead on addressing the mural issues. The sign ordinance was adopted in April, 2005, and was amended in February to address the size and height of signs promoting commercial businesses.

Thayer said the Grayling City Council and officials will hold firm on sign ordinance regulations to control sign blight in the community.

Thayer added that the U.S. Supreme Court recently issued an opinion regarding California State Statutes regulating murals with advertising, which said that the murals with advertising were considered to be works of art and not just mere signs.

"There is definitely a balancing act we have to deal with," Thayer said.

Connie Beard, the owner of Xpress Copy Center, said she had no comment when contacted by the *Avalanche*.

Dawson also declined comment, saying he was working with city official in hopes of getting the issues with his mural resolved.

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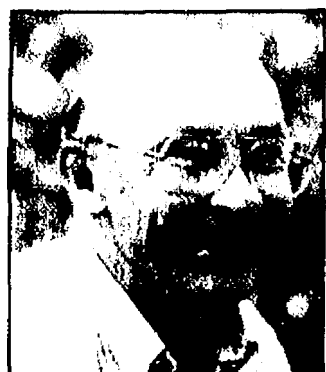
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Handful of families dominates politics

YOU MIGHT want to call our country's presidential politics an American Dynasty.

McClatchy Newspapers came up with an article a while back pointing out that if Sen. Hillary Clinton wins the 2008 election for president, then is reelected in 2012 and serves an entire eight years in the White House, we will have experienced 28 consecutive years, or almost 12 percent of our history as a nation, with either a Bush or a Clinton as president — and that doesn't consider President George Herbert Walker Bush's eight years as Ronald Reagan's vice president.

Sort of scary, isn't it? "How does that differ from a banana republic where a couple of dominant families often run everything for generations?" pondered Prof. Larry Sabato, University of Virginia political scientist, as quoted in the McClatchy article.

The Bushes and the Clintons — if Ms. Clinton is elected, and at

this point, that remains questionable but entirely possible — are not the only two families with multiple presidencies, of course.

Early in the country's history, the Adams family, with John Adams and John Quincy Adams, also produced two presidents. In the 20th century, so did the Roosevelts, with Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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POLITICAL HISTORIAN Stephen Hess has pointed out in a book on political families that up until the mid-1990s, about 700 families had sent two or more members to Congress.

The Taft family of Ohio and the Kennedy family in Massachusetts are prime examples of long-standing political dynasties in both state and federal positions, from president to both houses of Congress, and to state and local politics, too.

In several states, families are prominent in politics, such

Chafee in Rhode Island, Kean and Frelinghuysen in New Jersey, Long in Louisiana, and on and on.

In Michigan, the Levin family right now boasts judges, a US senator and a congressman, and Dingells have been in local, state and federal office for more than a half century.

It's not unusual for sons or daughters to succeed fathers or mothers in the legislature, or wives to succeed husbands, or the other way around.

How come all this family dominance?

Part of it, undoubtedly, is name recognition. Part probably is voter loyalty to particular families. And, as Prof. Sabato suggests, part probably is because voters fear change.

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ROMNEY DYNASTY? — Could we be watching emergence of a Romney political dynasty right now?

Mitt Romney is a prominent

candidate for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination; his father, George Romney, led the field for a while as a presidential aspirant in the 1968 election.

The younger Romney was governor of Massachusetts, and the senior Romney was governor of Michigan.

Politics in Utah has produced many more Romney politicians than either Michigan or Massachusetts, however. Headquarters of the Mormon Church is in Utah, and the Romney family name has been prominent in Mormon history for a long time.

It's doubtful if the Gov. Mitt and Gov. George tandem would qualify as a dynasty, even if Mitt should win the White House. Of course, Mitt Romney does have four sons, and they have children, so maybe the last chapter of the Romney political story has yet to be written.

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THOMPSON IN? — It is assumed that Fred Thompson, former US senator from Tennessee, formally will enter the presidential contest one of these days.

He has named Spencer Abraham, former US senator from Michigan and a former Michigan Republican chair, as a campaign manager, and that sort of thing assumes a candidacy. Why the delay?

Up until recently, there have been 10 announced Republican candidates for the nomination. In early joint appearances or debates, these 10 fit elbow to elbow on an elongated stage, each standing behind his separate microphone. It was crowded but manageable.

A few days ago, former Gov. Jim Gilmore of Virginia dropped his candidacy; my theory is Fred Thompson had to wait until a place in line and a microphone opened up for him.

Mr. Thompson has scored pret-

ty well in polls even though he's not yet a candidate.

I can't help but think that being an outsider is precisely why Mr. Thompson does well in polls, and that once he joins the political melee as a professed candidate, some of that outsider glitter will fade.

The cōy Tennessean on 'the Democratic side of the fence — former Vice President Al Gore — also runs well when included in public polls although he's not officially a candidate either. The same outsider attraction could well apply to Mr. Gore, too.

But maybe I'm all wet, and maybe both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gore, the reluctant candidates, will grow in popularity and we'll have an all-Tennessee presidential campaign next year.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

VIEWPOINT

By Kirk Wakefield,
Crawford County Sheriff

Law enforcement crack down on drunk drivers during statewide effort

Motorists who are over the limit will find themselves under arrest as the Crawford County Sheriff's Office cracks down on drunk drivers in Crawford County.

From Friday, Aug. 17 through Monday, Sept. 3, Crawford County Sheriff's Office is joining with more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies during a statewide crackdown on impaired drivers — *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* This crackdown includes the Labor Day holiday weekend, which typically marks the end of summer travel season.

Sheriff Wakefield says, "Our deputies are ever mindful of the pain and suffering drunk drivers cause families of victims in crashes. Police officers and innocent citizens are crashed into and run over on the highways every day by drunk drivers. Please, while drinking use a designated driver. Also, report drunk drivers. Who knows... you could be saving someone's life."

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with .08 blood alcohol content or higher. A drunk-driving conviction carries with it an assortment of penalties, including court costs and fines, increased car insurance rates, legal fees and \$2,000 in driver responsibility fees. Sheriff Wakefield states, "All the costs combined can be as much as \$5,000 before it is over."

Last Labor Day weekend, eight people died in crashes on Michigan's roadways. Two of those fatalities involved alcohol.

In 2006, there were 440 alcohol and/or drug related traffic deaths compared to 408 in 2005, a jump of almost eight percent. That represents just over 40 percent of all traffic deaths, the highest alcohol/drug involved percentage in traffic deaths Michigan has experienced in more than 10 years.

Don't cut library state aid

To the editor:

Our elected officials have proposed to allocate a whopping two billion dollars to Michigan's prisons for 2008. They also want to cut state aid to public libraries by 50%, bringing the allocation to libraries to just over 6 million dollars. Which equates to less than a dollar per Michigan resident.

Last year over 46 million people visited Michigan's public libraries borrowing over 65 million items. There are 4.6 million registered library cardholders in the state of Michigan, that's nearly half of the entire population. Last year Michigan's Department of Corrections managed less than 150,000 offenders.

Michigan's public libraries are not a dinosaur of an institution that's outlived its usefulness. They are dynamic, vibrant and growing. If our state is facing a loss of tax revenue, I want to know why are our elected officials choosing to spend more money on prisons while funding to libraries is cut. I realize my opinion might not be shared by others, but I truly

believe Michigan's 658 public libraries benefit the residents of our state much more than the 42 prisons in Michigan ever will.

I want to see our elected officials rescind the proposed 50% cut to library state aid. I want to see our elected officials split the money they are willing to spend on prisons next year with libraries and increase library state aid to the national average of \$3 per resident.

Three dollars per Michigan resident is not an unreasonable amount to request for library service. If our elected officials chose to split the proposed increase to prisons with libraries, the Michigan Department of Corrections would still get a substantial increase in 2008 and library funding won't get eviscerated in the process. Numbers don't lie: 2 billion vs. 6 million. Which public institution does our elected officials value more?

Moiria Maus
Library Director,
Curtis Township Library,
Glennie

Is Main Street America the answer to Crawford County's economic struggles?

To the editor:

My name is John Behow. I'm a private citizen and Crawford County property owner. Several years ago, my high school buddies and I built a cabin here. We love it here because, as you describe on the Grayling Township web site, this is a place where nature surrounds. We've spent many days fishing and kayaking the waters of Crawford County.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with Mr. Crosson from Main Street America. The man has dreams and passion, two things Michigan needs.

The Grayling community decided years ago to develop the land near the Four Mile Road interchange. Some of Crawford County's largest employers are out there and it seems they've developed in relative harmony with the tourism that brings in 45 million dollars a year to Crawford County.

So, I'm not here to act as a no-growth nimbby. I'm here to ask three questions.

1. Is Main Street America the answer to Crawford County's economic struggles?

In idle conversation, my fishing buddies and I have questioned whether millions of people are really going to come to Grayling to visit another Main Street, or to stare at a land-locked aircraft carrier, ride an assembly line roller coaster, or hang out in another year-round Christmas display. We wonder whether people are going to flock to more shopping than the bounty already available in Metro Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Birch Run, Frankenmuth, Gaylord, Cadillac, West Branch, Mackinac City, Petoskey, Traverse City and elsewhere. But that's just kitchen table economics. Bankers and other investors will ultimately decide whether they want to put money behind this plan.

History can't be ignored, though. Michigan has a poor track record with amusement parks. AutoWorld got \$35 million tax dollars in the 1980s. It was supposed to attract 900,000 people a year to downtown Flint. It closed

in two years. Cereal City opened in 1998 in Battle Creek and recently closed. It opened with a million dollar state loan under the theory that it would provide, quote, wonderful interactive experiences and entertainment for the entire family. But the eventual headline in Battle Creek was Snap, Crackle, FLOP?

It's seven years after the township and DNR cut a deal to sell the Four Mile Road land for industrial development. But there it sits empty and Grayling is hungry for better jobs. No doubt, the construction of the amusement park would provide some temporary boom. What about the jobs at the park? If successful, Main Street America would pay about \$20 million a year in wages. That's an average of \$10,000 per job. That's less than one-third of the current average household income in Crawford County. More than two-thirds of the projected amusement park wages are for food service or retail.

Are those the kinds of jobs you're looking for?

2. When will officials fully assess the potential environmental impacts of a large amusement park?

Mr. Crosson has worked hard to be sensitive to some environmental issues. He's trying to figure out a way to truck in much of the initial water needed to fill those pools and water slides. He plans to treat and store parking lot runoff in lined retention ponds. He has suggested he can power the park with windmills and other alternative energies. All of that sounds like environmentally sensitive thinking. But there are additional environmental questions that Grayling Township and the developer are legally required to answer.

According to the memorandum of understanding between the township and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, any sale of the state land in question requires an environmental appraisal which includes water usage, hydrology, and waste disposal matters. Environmental issues and aquifer protection will

be a particular concern.

Does such an environmental appraisal exist for the Main Street America development? If so, where can the public review it? If it doesn't exist, when will it be produced?

Mr. Crosson told me he didn't have clear water use projections but estimated that the park, when fully constructed, would have an impact similar to a city with a population of 50,000 people. That's more than three times the current population of Crawford County. Maybe the aquifer could handle that kind of withdrawal just fine. Maybe it can't. Does anyone here know? Isn't it a question that should be addressed and discussed first, especially given that the park is going to be just a few miles from one of the most famous and beloved rivers in the United States?

Can the region's landfills handle the waste stream of 50,000 additional people? Can the public safety services handle the emergency response liabilities?

Mr. Crosson also described the park to me as a display of tremendous architecture and light, including nightly fireworks. Given the past debates over artillery noise at Camp Grayling, are Crawford County residents interested in nightly fireworks?

3. Should Crawford County taxpayers go into debt to build the park?

Mr. Crosson is working hard to gain a variety of public assistance. Most relevant, he wants Crawford County taxpayers to take on five million dollars in bond debt to help him construct infrastructure within the park.

Would county bond funding require a vote of the public? If not, why not?

If the park succeeds, the owners project they will make tens of millions of dollars a year in profit, maybe even as much as \$50 million per year. So why do they need Crawford County taxpayers to share the debt burden?

Thank you for considering these questions.

John Behow
Milan

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BRIEFS

Hartwick Pines to host Forest Fest

Hartwick Pines will host the 10th annual Forest Fest, at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center, on Aug. 11. Programs and activities will run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kids of all ages can meet Smokey Bear. Children can pick up a Natural Resource Passport at the visitor center and visit activity stations to have their passport stamped for prizes from the Friends of Hartwick Pines bookstore. For more information, contact Craig Kasmer at 989-348-2537 or email at kasmerc@michigan.gov.

Bowling leagues to hold meetings

The Grayling Women's Association will be holding their bowling meeting on Aug. 14, at 7 p.m.; the Friday Mixed Doubles meeting will be Aug. 24, at 7 p.m.; and the Monday Pioneer meeting will be Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. All bowlers are urged to attend meetings for their association and league of their choice. Call Kary Moshier at 348-7118 with questions.

Republican party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County courthouse. Because of conflicts on the third Monday of the month, they will temporarily change the meetings to Wednesdays.

Band boosters hold monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Sunday, Aug. 12, at 5 p.m., at the home of Larry and Shirley Currison. Bring a dish to pass, as this meeting will include a potluck dinner. Discussion will be on the proposed amendment to the GVBB By-Laws. If you are interested in attending, or have questions, call Kathy at 344-9800.

Church to hold vacation bible school

The Grayling Free Methodist Church will be having "The Avalanche Ranch" vacation bible school on Aug. 12 - 16, from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be games, songs and crafts for children pre-kindergarten through 6th grade.

VFW Post to hold monthly meeting

The VFW Post 3736 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on Aug. 14, at 7 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. All veterans of foreign wars are welcome.

Spanish Camp to be held

Spanish Camp will be held on Aug. 13-17, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Fee is \$50. Call Mary Herman at 348-2823.

Grayling Eagles to host breakfast

Grayling Eagles #3465, will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$5 per person.

GHS volleyball try-outs to begin

Grayling High School Volleyball begins Monday Aug. 13. Try-outs are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (if needed) from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All girls must have a 07-08 physical before participating.

Kirtland Community College to close campuses Aug. 13

Kirtland Community College will close its main campus near Roscommon and the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord to normal business activities on Monday, Aug. 13, so that administrators, staff and faculty members may participate in the college's fall convocation and attend in-service training seminars as it prepares for the upcoming 2007 fall semester.

Convocation is slated for 9 a.m. on Aug. 13 at Kirtland's main campus near Roscommon, with in-service training set for the afternoon. Both campuses will re-open for normal business activities on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Prospective students may still

sign up for classes during the regular fall registration period on Aug. 20-24. F

all classes are then scheduled to start Aug. 25.

Currently, about 2,300 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at Kirtland's two campuses, with the college's service area including all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, and the surrounding areas.

For more information on Kirtland or upcoming activities at either campus, visit online at www.kirtland.edu or www.mtec.kirtland.edu.

Forest service closes two areas to public access

The USDA Forest Service has temporarily closed two areas within the Pine River Management Area of the Huron-Manistee National Forests to public access.

The areas are located in eastern Alcona and Iosco counties and were part of historic bombing practice ranges used by aircraft from the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

Although the ranges have not been actively used since the 1950's, recent logging and road maintenance activities uncovered

various types of practice ordnance. A contractor hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommended restricting access to the sites until further evaluations could be completed.

To ensure public safety, the forest service concurred with the recommendations and issues a closure order. Warning signs have been posted around the perimeter of the sites. In addition, maps of the closed areas are available at the district ranger station in Oscoda.

Reading program winner announced



The grand finale of this summer's "Get a Clue @ Your Library" reading program took place last week at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Pictured is grand prize winner Teemu Garrity, age 7, who won a bike donated by the Bicycle Shop and Burger King of Grayling. James Day, age 13, was the other grand prize winner, but he gave his bike to his sister, Gabrielle Devereaux, age 10, because he didn't need a new one and she did. Aside from the free bikes, the event also featured a performance from Chad Patterson and the Acting Up Theatre Company.

Leadership Crawford County to begin in October

Release your potential through Leadership Crawford County - an exciting adventure in self-discovery, while examining the diverse world of economic, governmental, educational, and environmental issues and opportunities in the county.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will present the 2007-2008 session of Leadership Crawford County. This leadership program is designed to meet the needs of the business world by developing leadership skills in their employees. Leadership skills sessions will be offered on topics such as teamwork, conflict resolution, collaboration, risk taking, communication skills and group dynamics. The program also ensures a continuing resource of men and women equipped with community-based knowledge and leadership skills.

The Leadership Crawford County planning committee consists of Paul Compo, Crawford County; Linda Cronk, MSU Extension; Gaila Gilliland, CCEDP; Kim Millikin, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce; Joe Powers, Crawford-AuSable School District; Grover Raymond, Mercy Hospital; Diane Nielson, Mercy Hospital; Therese Kaiser, Huntington Bank; Cindy Timmons, Crawford County Collaborative Body; and Lanice Rutter, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Sessions will focus on Community Service, Economic Development, Medical, Technology, Education, Government, Natural Resources, Tourism, and Public Safety. The program's conclusion will celebrate with a graduation banquet at which time participants will

give presentations on their community service projects.

Sessions will start at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.; a working lunch will be included. The sessions will begin in October and go thru May with a graduation ceremony and dinner to wrap up the program for 2007-2008.

Cost for the eight-month program is \$149 per participant and may be paid by the employer or the participant. The application process ensures a diverse group of quality participants; participation will be limited to 20 people. Applications must be received at the Chamber office no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 7, to be considered for the program.

To be considered or for more information about Leadership Crawford County, contact Kim Millikin at the Chamber for an application at 348-2921 or by email at board@graylingcham-

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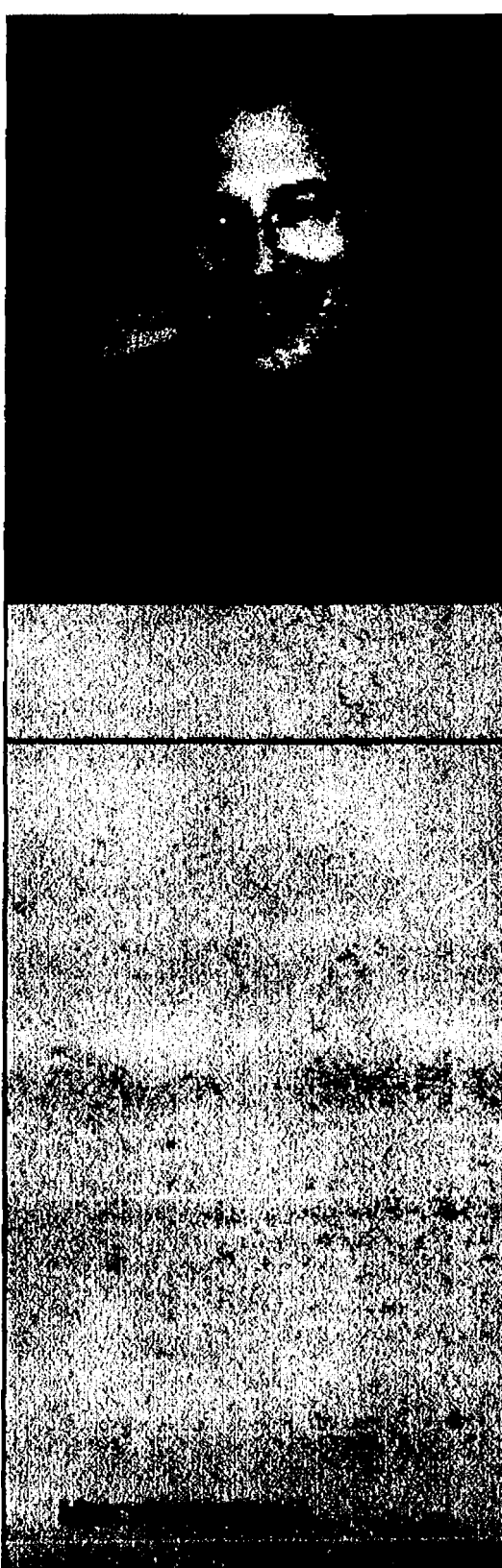
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Mercy Hospital Grayling Welcomes New Radiologist

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RADIOLOGY

Robert L. Balestrero, MD, has joined the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Radiology. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Dr. Balestrero completed his residency at Overlook Hospital, Summit, New Jersey. Dr. Balestrero has more than 20 years of medical experience, most recently as a staff Radiologist at Nason Hospital in Pennsylvania. Dr. Balestrero practices at Mercy Hospital Grayling and is currently accepting new patients.

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For more information or an appointment, call the Physician Referral Service at 1-800-533-5520.

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RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Aug. 5 of \$25 each: Dan Canfield, Val Priebe and Gene Hawkins.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for \$100 is: Justin Hermeston.

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The Bible Speaks

Buried and Risen in Christ

Paul confirms his answer against the continued practice of sin raised in Romans 6:1,2 by reminding us we are dead to sin because in Romans 6:3 we were baptized into Jesus Christ and into His death. Now in Romans 6:4 he adds: "4Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." First we are reminded our death to sin is final because we "are buried with him by baptism into death." Burial proves or confirms the reality of death. As Colossians 2:12 says: "12Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Believer's baptism by immersion also pictures and proclaims publicly our personal faith in the vicarious death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation. Second, we are reminded Jesus Christ arose victorious over our sins so we are risen with Jesus Christ. "...that like

as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father..." The entire Trinity was involved in this glorious resurrection assuring us of victory over sin. "32This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." (Acts 2:32). "24Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." (Acts 2:24). The Holy Spirit also resurrected Jesus Christ as Peter tells us in 1 Peter 3:18: "18For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." Romans 8:11 tells us this same Holy Spirit assures us of resurrection: "11But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." The Son also brought about His own resurrection. "19Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up....21But he spake of the temple of his body." (John 2:19,21). "Therefore doth my

Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again." (John 10:17). "18No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again..." (John 10:18). Third, Jesus Christ arose to give us eternal life that we "...should walk in newness of life." "...Even so we also should walk in newness of life." "6He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." (1 John 2:6). "10That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." (1 John 2:6). "18(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." (Phil. 3:18). As Romans 12:1,2 reminds us, we should present our body a living sacrifice, and be transformed by the renewing of our mind, that we may surrender our will to God's will. Pastor "B"

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 129 complaints the week of July 30 - Aug. 8:

Ten suspicious situations, 28 general non-criminal complaints, two vehicle fires, two delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, three criminal sexual conduct/sexual assaults, criminal sexual conduct first degree, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, five burglaries/home invasions, four larcenies, one fraudulent activities, one possessing stolen property, three damage to properties, 27 public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, three health and safeties, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, 10 traffic accidents, two traffic violations-civil infractions, one hazardous condition, one accident-all other, one inspections/investigations-boat, eight inspections/investigations-family, two lost and found properties, five driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

OBITUARIES

Wilbur R. Stephenson
March 4, 1923 - Aug. 5, 2007
Wilbur Richard "Buzz" Stephenson, 84, of Bear Lake Township, passed away on August 5, 2007.

He was born in Midland, on March 4, 1923, to Wilbur T. and Lena (Carl) Stephenson.

He served in the U.S. Army. He married Betty L. Heckerthorn on June 17, 1944, she preceded him in death in 1990.

He attended Parks Air College in St. Louis, Mo., obtained a degree in aeronautical engineering, and became a licensed pilot in 1944. He was an avid pilot and built three experimental aircrafts. He was an award-winning home builder and wood worker.

He had been coming to the Grayling area since 1923. He worked at Dow Chemical for 30 years in Midland, Ludington and Findlay, Ohio. He moved to the Grayling area after retiring from the Ludington plant in 1978.

He married Loraine Gearhart on September 12, 1992, at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, Lori; son, James "Jamie" Richard (Jacolyn) Stephenson of Findlay, Ohio; daughters, Sandra Lou Stephenson of Dawsonville, Ga., Sally Lyn (Steven) Siferd of Findlay, Ohio; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brother, Edward (Frances) of Midland.

Upon marrying Lori, they added family members: Roxanne, Rodney, Ronda, Leanne and Michael; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; and many special friends in three EAA Chapters, especially EAA Chapter 1259 in Houghton Lake.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, of 47 years, daughter, Susan Lee Lafferty and son-in-law, John Lafferty.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, August 7, with Rev. Elizabeth Chace officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 128 N. Court St., Gaylord, MI 49735 or AuSable Urgent Care Clinic, P.O. Box 393, Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Kenneth G. Jacobs
March 10, 1942 - Aug. 3, 2007
Kenneth G. Jacobs, 65, of Grayling, passed away on August 3, 2007.

He was born in Bay City, on March 10, 1942 to Wilfred and Genevieve (Walther) Jacobs.

He married Glenda Briggs on September 14, 1963 in Bay City. They moved to Grayling in 1982, from Bay City.

He retired from Weyerhaeuser in 1996.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, and the Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, telling olden day stories to his grandchildren and outdoor activities like fishing, hunting, gardening, farming and tinkering in his shop.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda of 43 years; daughter, Kimberly (Clark) Allen of Grayling; sons, Mark (Cheryl) Jacobs and Brian (Vicki) Jacobs, both of Grayling; grandchildren: Brandon and Shantina Jacobs, Aleisha Hoover, Nicholas Jacobs, Jakob Hoover and Zack Allen; and numerous nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

A mass of christian burial was held at on August 6, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Manor or Mercy Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Margaret M. Dugas
Feb. 14, 1928 - July 31, 2007
Margaret M. Dugas (Marguerite), 79, of Grayling, passed away on July 31, 2007.

She was born in Nouvelle, Quebec, on February 14, 1928, to the late Eugene and Judith (Philippe) Caissy.

She married Charles H. Dugas, in Montreal, on February 27, 1954, and moved to Warren. In 1993, they retired and moved to Grayling.

Her number one priority was taking care of her family and home. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was involved in her church, enjoyed pinochle, bowling, decorating her home and was involved with the American Red Cross.

She is survived by her husband, Charles of 53 years; daughters, Carole Marie Dugas and Judith Mary (Carl) Marchlewicz, both of Warren; son, Pierre Paul (Julie) Dugas of Royal Oak; grandson, Sean Marchlewicz; sisters: Yolande Damboise, Marianne Allard, Rosaria Lavoie; brother, Jean Caissy; sister-in-law, Estelle Dugas and family, Aunt Viola Phillips, Dolores Bugeaud and family, Vigneau family and extended Dugas family in Canada.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Dugas; brothers: Paul, Leo, and Phillippe Caissy.

A mass of christian burial was held on August 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with father Robert Nalley officiating. Interment was held at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, 201 Meadows Dr., Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the week of July 29 - Aug. 5:

Four traffic accidents, one traffic control situation, one traffic warning, three civil infraction citations, one felony arrest, one misdemeanor arrest, three suspicious situation complaints, four disturbance complaints, four larceny complaints, two civil complaints, one city ordinance violation, one assault complaint, five alarm complaints, two juvenile complaints, two criminal sexual conduct complaints, one stalking/threat complaint, one fraud complaint and 10 unclassified complaints.

BIRTHS

Angie and Dan Bonamie, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Daniel Marcel, born at Mercy Hospital on July 26, 2007, at 11:34 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 4ozs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length.

Emily Dent and Jeremy Semak, of Kalkaska, announce the birth of a son, Hunter Drake, born at Mercy Hospital on July 18, 2007, at 7:58 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Anne Blair, of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Braiden Cole, born at Mercy Hospital on July 22, 2007, at 5:47 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 18 inches in length.

MILITARY NEWS

Civilian Damian R. Fleischmann, a 2002 graduate of Grayling High School, Grayling, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District, Raleigh, N.C.

The program allows recruits to enter the Navy and take up to one year to complete prior commitments such as high school. Using recruiters as mentors, this program helps recruits ease into the transition from civilian to military life.

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Students explore health careers at hospital camp

Young people interested in a possible health career spent the day at Mercy Hospital Grayling recently exploring emergency medicine, surgical nursing, radiology and other hospital departments.

"We wanted to give young people a chance to learn about health careers at an early age," said

Sandy Lewis, who coordinated the event for Mercy Hospital Grayling's Human Resources department. "We had 24 participants join us for the day."

Participants included students entering the fifth through eighth grades this fall.

Among the highlights of the visit was the opportunity to

explore a Mobile Medical Response ambulance and participate in a splinting and backboard demonstration. Radiology and respiratory staff gave students a tour of their areas, explaining the role of the respective departments in patient care. They also toured the new rehabilitation facility that features a gym,

whirlpool and therapy pool.

A visit from a surgical nurse allowed participants to put on the type of clothing worn by a surgical team and learn about the importance of hand hygiene.

"It was a great turnout and hopefully we sparked some interest they might have in these areas," Lewis said.



Students try on the type of clothing worn by the surgical services team.



Students receive a splinting demonstration from MMR emergency personnel.



Students explore MMR ambulance during Career Day.

AREA EVENTS

Traverse City - In conjunction with the *Spirits, Relics and Rituals: The John Korachis Collection of African Art* exhibition, Hamilton Banda, a sculpture from Ndurandie, Blantyre in Malawi, Africa will be at the museum demonstrating his carving method the week of Aug. 12. A reception will be held on Sunday, Aug. 12, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Banda, who speaks English and Chichewa, will be demonstrating his carving method and answering questions in the museum sculpture court from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 through Sunday, Aug. 19. Museum admission applies, members free.

The Dennon Museum Center Store has carried Banda's carvings for about 10 years. Banda became connected with Traverse City through a chance meeting with Dr. Terry Taylor, who

researches at a malaria clinic in Malawi and has championed the artist since meeting him in 1993.

The Dennon Museum Center is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free to museum members and \$4 for adults, \$2 for children for non-members, and \$12 for families (same household). For more information on the museum and exhibition, go to www.dennon-museum.org or call (231) 995-1055.

The Dennon Museum Center is located at 1701 East Front Street in Traverse City, at the entrance to the campus of Northwestern Michigan College.

Gaylord - On Aug. 11 and 12, rain or shine, there will be over 90 returning and new artists and craftspeople with booths located in a beautiful park-like setting at Michaywe Clubhouse. Among the quality handcrafted items are

ceramics, woodcrafts, dried flowers, jewelry, candles, country crafts, toys, baskets, and stained glass. Lawn ornaments, a variety of clothing, as well as paintings in acrylics, oil, and watercolors will be sold. Foods offered for sale include sausage, breads, dips, jams, jellies and kettle corn. Lunch and beverages will be available at the Michaywe Pro Shop and at the Clubhouse restaurant, Inn the Woods.

The Michaywe Clubhouse and grounds are located at 1535 Opal Lake Road, six miles south of Gaylord, off Old 27 and Charles Brink Road. Parking is available at Opal Lake Road and Northstar Road, with frequent complimentary shuttle service. There is a \$2 fee for parking, but admission to the fair is free. Package pickup is available at no charge. For more information, call the Michaywe

office at 989-939-8919 or visit the web site at www.michaywe.com/living

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Recruit Matt R. Whitley, son of Teena L. Stewart of Amissville, Va. and Rex O. Whitley of Grayling, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Whitley completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs,

first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes

of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Whitley is a 2004 graduate of East Detroit High School of Eastpointe.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library
Get cultured in Crawford by joining us at the Devereaux Memorial Library, 201 Plum St., Grayling, on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., for an Art Show to remember. Local arti-

sans will not only be on hand to display their work but also to demonstrate and answer questions. A relaxed environment filled with culture, music and fun will feature pieces such as canvas and mural paintings, pottery, bas-

ket making, Ukrainian eggs, jewelry and more.

Refreshments and acoustic music by Dan House will accompany the show.

The program is free and open to the public.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to every one that attended our anniversary and birthday party on July 7th. Thank you kids for all being home on our special day.

It was so nice to see everyone;

grandkids, aunts, uncles, cousins and all our friends. We so appreciate your kindness and all the good wishes.

A special thank you to Tonnya Jolene - you did a fantastic job of

organizing and making the day successful. Thank you to all the gals and guys that helped in any way.

Violet and Ray

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Route 72 Auto Wash now Northstar Auto Wash

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The Route 72 Auto Wash has a new name and a new owner. As of June 22, the business, located on M-72 West, is now called Northstar Auto Wash. It is owned by Dan Mygrants, formerly of Ohio.

"I'm real picky about how the cars come out...I'm always looking to make improvements," said Mygrants.

Mygrants, who moved to Grayling shortly after taking ownership of the car wash, has formerly managed four different car washes in Ohio. He purchased Route 72 when he found it listed for sale on an online directory. He said he has always enjoyed managing car washes.

"I love the business," said Mygrants.

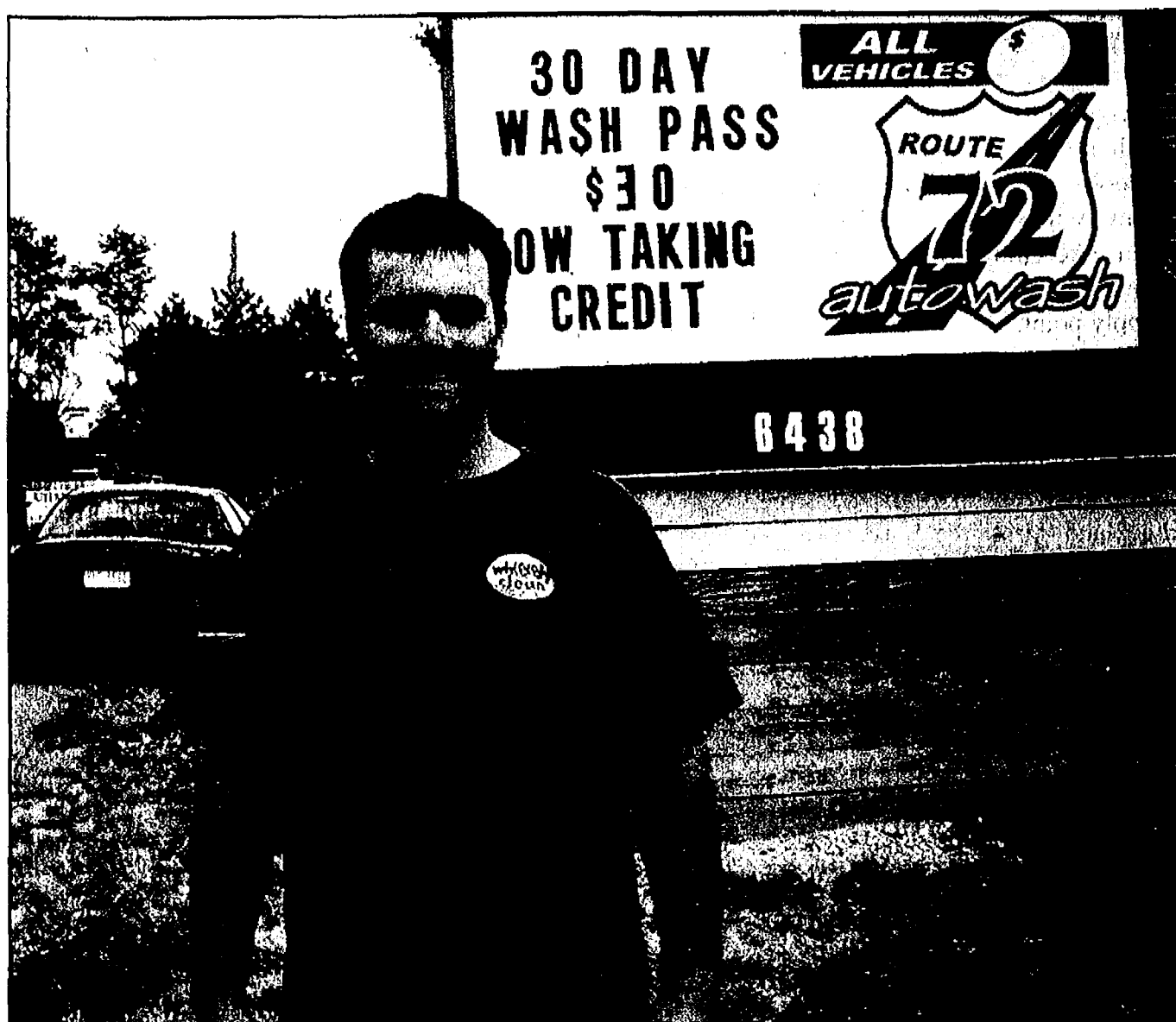
Mygrants already has plans in motion to improve and streamline the Auto Wash experience for his customers. This includes adding tire brushes to clean tires and wheels.

"As dirty and muddy as these cars get here, we need something to clean them," said Mygrants.

The Auto Wash now also features teflon sealer coat technology. These improvements are only the beginning. Mygrants said he has several plans in mind that he is not yet ready to announce.

"I'm gonna make a lot of changes," said Mygrants.

He has already made an innovative modification to the pricing system which allows customers to buy a 30 day pass for



Dan Mygrants (pictured) is the new owner and manager of Northstar Auto Wash, formerly Route 72 Auto Wash. As of press time, signage in front of the building does not reflect the name change, but Mygrants says the new logo will be in place soon.

unlimited washes.

"You're saving money that way," said Mygrants.

He suggested that this system spares customers the frustration of having a newly washed car ruined by rain or dirty trails. Customers can simply take their car back to the auto wash to get it cleaned the next day at no additional expense.

"I think it'll help people keep

their cars clean and not have to worry about it so much," said Mygrants.

Mygrants said this and other changes are all about customer satisfaction.

"You treat the customers good, you bend over backwards for them...they'll become loyal just for that," said Mygrants.

Mygrants said that he and his wife, Nicole, are enjoying the

adjustment to life in the Grayling area.

"We like it up here...It's a different kind of lifestyle," said Mygrants.

He says that he feels he has been embraced by the community, and he hopes to return the favor to customers.

"They will see a much better product...they will see a cleaner and dryer car," said Mygrants.

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MILITARY NEWS

Kenny Jones

Sergeant Kenny Jones, a 1976 graduate of Grayling High School, recently received the Army Achievement Medal in a brief ceremony at Camp Grayling's Ammunitions Supply point.

He is attached to the Joint Maneuver Training Center, Ammunition Supply Point, as an Ammunitions Sergeant. He completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. His other awards include Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Army Service Ribbon, and Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Sergeant Jones resides in Grayling with his wife Valerie. They have one daughter Debrah Simon.

Michael Doremire

Master Sgt. Michael Doremire of Grayling, was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by Camp Grayling Commander Col. Dean Brown in a ceremony at Camp Grayling.

Doremire, Senior Range Operations Sergeant is assigned to Range Control, Joint Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling. He was awarded the medal for recalculations of the installation's range safety fans which had problems with the Surface Danger Zone computer program. He worked diligently to eliminate those errors enhancing the reliability of range safety at Army and Marine Corps installations worldwide.

He has 17 years of Active Guard Reserve and a total of 24 years of service with the Army National Guard.

Doremire is married to Bonnie. They are residents of Grayling.

Steven Green

Steven Green of Grayling, a 1971 graduate of Traverse City Senior High School, Traverse



Michael Doremire

City, recently received the Michigan Legion of Merit Award by Camp Commander COL Brown in a brief ceremony at Camp Grayling.

Staff Sergeant Steven Green is attached to Head Quarters, Joint Maneuver Training Center, as a Human Resources NCO. He graduated from Marine Corps boot camp at San Diego, Calif. in 1972. Other awards SSG Green has received are an Army Achievement Medal and an Army Commendation Medal.

Staff Sergeant Green distinguished himself through selfless service to his fellow soldiers, his community, and his country. From May 2006 thru May 2007, SSG Green was a member of the Installations Honor Guard for numerous funeral details, ensuring that fallen veterans were properly honored for their service to our country. SSG Green also served as a Rifle Squad member during local Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies. SSG Green's willingness to forego his personal time to render honors to his fellow service members and his country reflects greatly upon himself, the Joint Maneuver Training Center and the Michigan Army National Guard.

Daniel Beckwith

Staff Sergeant Daniel Beckwith of Weidman, a 1980 graduate of Pickford High school and a member of the Army National Guard, was promoted. He is a Supply Sergeant



Larry Domcik



Steven Green

for Logistics, Joint Maneuver Training Center, Camp Grayling. He was pinned in a brief ceremony by Commanding Officer Maj. James Robson.

He has 17 1/2 years in the Army National Guard Reserve, and three years of active service in the USAF. He graduated from boot camp at Lackland USAF base in San Antonio, Tex., in 1981. His military training includes: security specialist school, warrior leadership school and supply school.

Beckwith is a Physical Education teacher at the Beal City Public Schools and earned his Masters degree in education in 1992 at CMU. He is married to Sandy and they have 2 children: Sydney 18, and Stone 13. His parents Jack and Ruth Beckwith reside in Grayling.

Larry Domcik

1st Class Larry Domcik of Grayling, a graduate of Traverse City Senior High School, Traverse City, was recently awarded the Michigan



Daniel Beckwith



Kenny Jones

Distinguished Service Medal and the Michigan Legion of Merit Medal by Camp Grayling Commander Col. Dean Brown in a ceremony at Camp Grayling.

Domcik, a Range Operations Non-Commissioned Officer, is assigned to Range Control, Joint Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling. He was awarded the medals for his selfless service in his duties as a casualty assistance officer for the family of a Michigan service member killed in support of the current war, and for his service as a member of the installation Honor Guard.

He has six years of prior service with the U.S. Navy Reserve and graduated from basic training from the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Chicago, Ill. He has been a member of the Michigan Army National Guard for 22 years.

Domcik is married to Barb and they have a son Tim. They are residents of Grayling.

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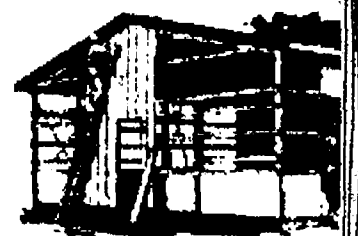
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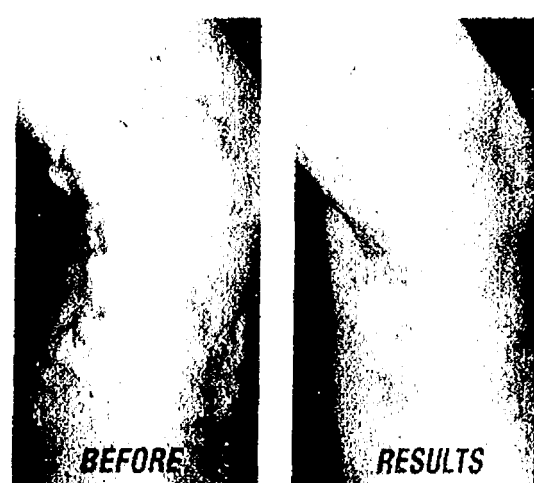
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Building a home for the birds



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The Camp Grayling Conservation Club hosted their annual birdhouse bike contest at the beginning of last month. Local students were challenged to build a birdhouse. The first person to have a baby bird hatch in its new home was the winner. Area resident Maggie Baker won when six baby chickadees hatched in the birdhouse she built with help from her father. She won a bike courtesy of The Bicycle Shop and the Camp Grayling Conservation Club. Pictured from left (standing) are Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Mike Powers, Maggie's father George Gasser, Maggie Gasser, Maggie's mother Tammy Gasser, event official Bernie Peters, Bicycle Shop owner Bob Smith and Jerry Hayes, president of the Camp Grayling Conservation Club. Seated is Maggie's sister Shania.

Chamber of Commerce makes staffing changes

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The Chamber will send out its newsletter via e-mail instead of by mail, and changed some of its banking services.

All other planned events and programs will still take place.

"We have to find alternative ways to

accomplish our programming and provide our services," said Kim Millikin, the treasurer for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Rutter said the organization will indefinitely operate without an executive director.

"Tim will truly be missed, but until we climb out of our financial situation, we won't be able to afford a salary for anybody," Rutter said.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce was established in 1942 to promote the communities in Crawford County.

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Ralph Opperman, DDS

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) announced that Ralph Opperman, DDS, of Grayling, received the prestigious Fellowship Award during the AGD's largest convocation ceremony, a commencement

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The Fellowship Award is presented to dentists looking to provide the highest quality of dental care by remaining current in their profession. In order to receive this award, Dr. Opperman completed 500 hours of continuing dental education, passed a comprehensive written exam and fulfilled three years of continuing membership with the AGD. As a recipient of this award, Dr. Opperman has joined an elite group of more than 14,000 members of the dental community who understand that

great smiles and good oral health for their patients are the result of going above and beyond the basic requirements. The Fellowship Award symbolizes excellence in the dental profession and a commitment to providing exceptional patient care.

"This is an outstanding accomplishment for Dr. Opperman," says AGD President Vincent Mayher, DMD, MAGD. "By completing the rigorous requirements to become a Fellow, Dr. Opperman goes above and beyond basic licensure requirements in his state to keep his practice on the cutting edge. He takes extra dental education to provide his patients with the very best in dental care. This award truly distinguishes Dr. Opperman from others in the

dental community"

Dr. Opperman graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1997 and currently practices dentistry in Grayling. In addition to the AGD, Dr. Opperman is a member of the American Dental Association and the Michigan Dental Association.

Dr. Opperman is married to Cari and has two children, Megan and Nicole.

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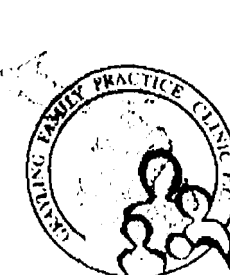
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Chilling Out



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Taylor and Myah Northrop of Grayling, take a break during the AuSable Festival to enjoy some popsicles at the ice cream social organized by the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Teams gearing up for upcoming Relay for Life

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

This year's local Relay for Life event is taking off at a full sprint, with local organizers working hard to ensure that this year's relay is the best yet.

"This year we have been fortunate...we have more sponsors this year than we've ever had in the past," said event chair Clairene Jorella.

Relay for Life is a fund raiser for cancer research and treatment that takes place nationwide. Individuals are sponsored to participate in the relay, with that sponsorship money going to the American Cancer Society.

The local Relay for Life event will take place at the Grayling High School track over a 24 hour span, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 18 and ending at 10 a.m. the next day.

Local teams have already started gearing up for the event, hosting various fund raisers in order to raise sponsorship money. These have ranged from the conventional to the comical, with Mercy Hospital's relay team raising hundreds of dollars by duct taping a pair of surgeons to the hospital's cafeteria wall.

Remaining fund raisers prior to the event will include a car wash at Tahiti Tan on M-72 West from noon until 5 p.m. on August

13 as well as "Bank Night" from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Huntington Bank on August 15.

"It's a wonderful event that the community supports," said Jorella.

Last year local teams raised an impressive \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"For this community, that is a totally awesome amount," said Jorella.

She attributes this success to the good attitudes and hard work of the Crawford County public.

"I think it's because most of our citizens and our businesses recognize...that we do have a large number of cancer survivors here," said Jorella.

She emphasized that this event is a good way to help people in the Crawford County area who are struggling with cancer.

"The money that we raise comes back...these resources are tapped by members of our community," said Jorella.

As in the past, this year's relay is set to be both productive and fun, with entertainment on hand for both kids and adults. Jorella, who says she has personally made friends through this event, says the Relay for Life is a great way to have fun and help out while meeting new people.

"You get acquainted with your community and you're able to

give back something. That's the important thing," said Jorella. The complete event itinerary is as follows.

General events (Saturday):

9 a.m.: Survivor registration opens. 10 a.m.: Opening ceremony begins, with a survivor lap and coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts available. 10:30 a.m.: Sponsor recognition presentation. 11 a.m.: Silent auction opens. 1 p.m.: Massage by Gary Hasson of Sleep Well Massage. 6 p.m.: Dinner catered by Pizza Hut. Kids games and face painting are at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

General events (Sunday):

8 a.m.: Sunrise service and breakfast. 9 a.m.: Silent auction closes. 9:30 a.m.: "Pantene for a Cure."

Laps (Saturday):

11 a.m.: Disco lap. 11:30 a.m.: Parade of teams. Noon: Macarena lap. 1 p.m.: Spoon lap. 2 p.m.: Chicken dance lap. 3 p.m.: Sunglasses lap. 4 p.m.: Beach lap. 5 p.m.: Survivor and caregiver lap. 8 p.m.: Buddy lap. 9 p.m.: Ways to walk lap. 11 p.m.: Black jack lap.

Laps (Sunday):

1 a.m.: Poker lap. 2 a.m.: Crazy hat lap. 3 a.m.: Hokey-pokey lap. 7:30 a.m.: Reveille (pots and pans lap).

Entertainment (Saturday):

10 a.m.: National anthem sung by Becky Ramaswamy. 1 p.m.: Live performance by the band Innocent Bystander. 2:30 p.m.: Live performance by folksinger Amanda K. 3 p.m.: Patriots perform. 7:30 p.m.: Performance by the Just for Kicks Cloggers. 8:30 p.m.: Live performance by the band Double Negative. 10 p.m.: Amazing Grace, sung by Becky Ramaswamy. 11 p.m.: Live performance by the band Eagle Ridge.

Entertainment (Sunday):

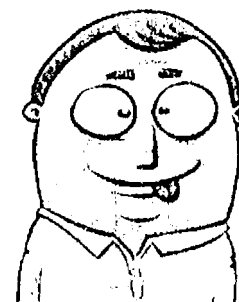
10 a.m.: National Anthem sung by Becky Ramaswamy.

Dunk tank (Saturday):

11 a.m.: Corrine and Dawn, owners of A Cut Above. 12 p.m.: Paul Olsen, insurance agent. 1 p.m.: Jeff Branch, Grayling Middle School principal. 2 p.m.: Joe Ferrigan, wrestling coach. 3 p.m.: Jeff Steffey, Mercy Hospital pharmacist. 4 p.m.: Ben Brock, Grayling High School football coach. 5 p.m.: Dawn McGee, secretary of Kiwanis and AFLAC insurance agent.

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The 2007 Grayling Recreation Authority 10K race gets under way on Saturday, July 28, at the Grayling High School track inside the football stadium.

Ninety-five runners compete in 2007 GRA 10K race

■ Overall winners for this year's event are Nathan Peters and Abigail Porter

Ninety-five runners – 50 men and 45 women – competed in this year's GRA 10K foot race, an annual event held during the AuSable River Festival.

The race began at the track at Grayling High School's football stadium on the morning of Saturday, July 28. Runners crossed the GHS parking lot and entered the Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, a paved pathway for non-motorized traffic. Runners turned around at the halfway point and finished the race at the starting line inside the football stadium.

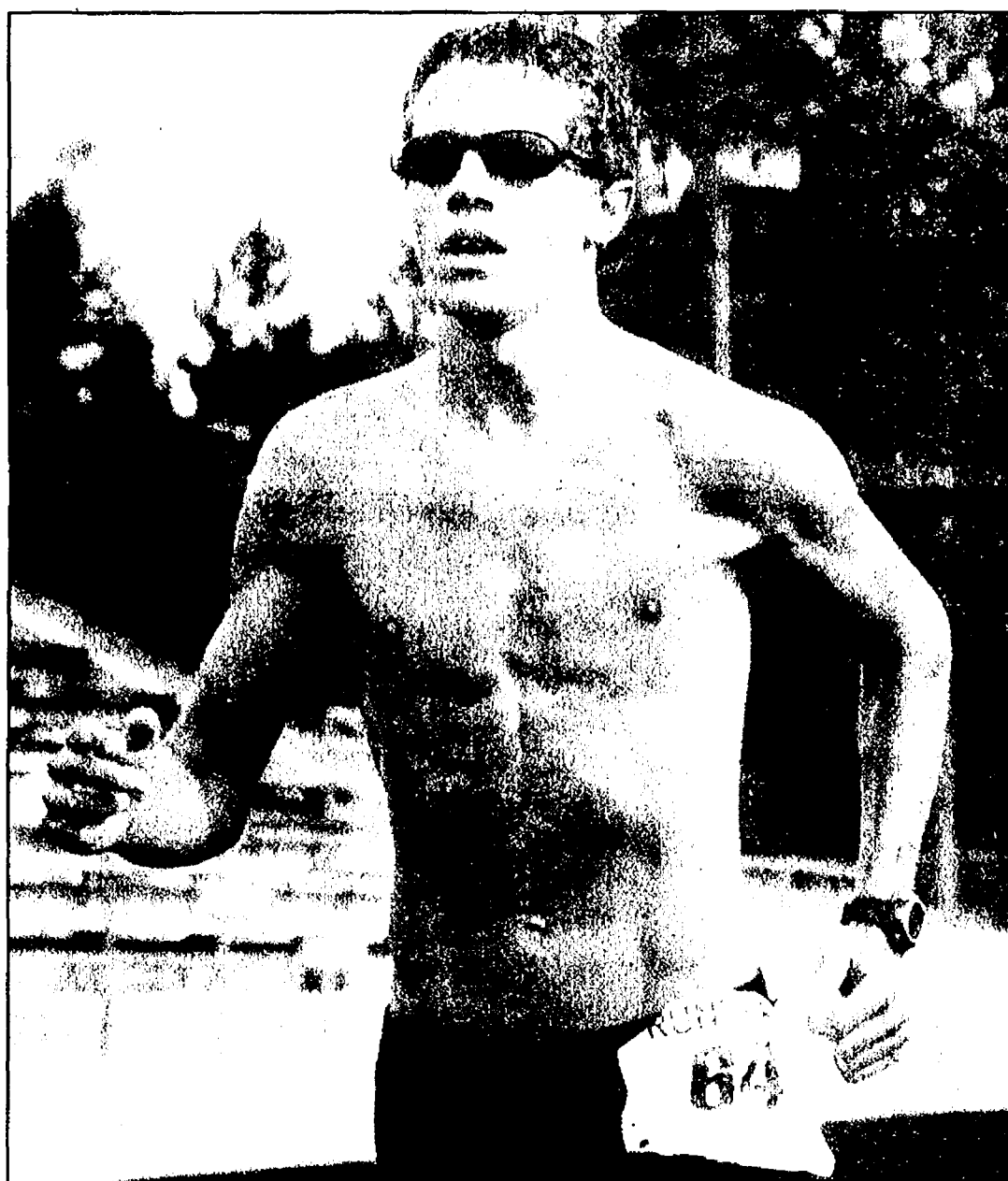
The overall winners of this year's GRA 10K were Nathan Peters and Abigail Porter. Peters posted the event's best time (0:33:35) and Porter won the women's division with a time of 0:42:34.

Other division winners included:

14-Under: (male) Nick Troher 0:48:53; (female) Emilce

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See "NINETY-FIVE..."



Nathan Peters (left) and Abigail Porter (right) finish the 2007 GRA 10K at Grayling High School on Saturday, July 28. Peters and Porter were the overall winners of this year's race in the men's and women's divisions, respectively.

Grayling Recreation Authority 10K 2007 Race Results

(Competitor, Bib #, Age Division, Sex, Finish Time)

Overall Male				
Nathan Peters	64	15-19	m	0:33:35
Overall Female				
Abigail Porter	23	20-29	f	0:42:34
14-Under Male				
Nick Troher	24	14-u	m	0:48:53
Andrew Hutek	58	14-u	m	0:49:18
Michael Buger	59	14-u	m	1:01:37
14-Under Female				
Emilce Warner	44	14-u	f	0:56:43
15-19 Male				
Joe Webb	80	15-19	m	0:40:51
Anthony Allison	65	15-19	m	0:41:21
Manuel Vallejo III	62	15-19	m	0:42:46
Greg Mink	68	15-19	m	0:44:57
Eric Wolfe	95	15-19	m	0:47:42
Will Fowles	34	15-19	m	0:55:01
Joe Contreras	72	15-19	m	1:00:15
15-19 Female				
Kaitlin Omara	70	15-19	f	0:43:17
Catie Ivanikiw	7	15-19	f	0:51:00
Morgan Williams	88	15-19	f	1:10:35
20-29 Male				
Kris Kalbfleisch	28	20-29	m	0:37:01
Paul Jansen	12	20-29	m	0:38:02
Scott Latusek	41	20-29	m	0:39:20
Lee Fowler	50	20-29	m	0:41:23
Josh Millikin	90	20-29	m	0:45:29
Josh Hinkle	91	20-29	m	0:45:32
Charles McNamara	87	20-29	m	0:46:32
Scott Kondak	86	20-29	m	0:47:25
Jason Strohpaal	21	20-29	m	0:49:25
20-29 Female				
Erica Parkinson	2	20-29	f	0:45:25
Brooke Larm	45	20-29	f	0:46:57
Krista McComas	85	20-29	f	0:47:26
Marissa Andres	8	20-29	f	0:52:12

(Competitor, Bib #, Age Division, Sex, Finish Time)

Whitney Shields	30	20-29	f	0:52:51
Alison Fowler	51	20-29	f	0:54:12
Cassie Webb	81	20-29	f	0:55:08
Brooke Laurent	60	20-29	f	0:58:10
Nicole Donakowski	61	20-29	f	0:58:29
Teresa Aris	14	20-29	f	1:00:23
Jennifer Hatfield	54	20-29	f	1:00:49
Laura Bell	13	20-29	f	1:23:13
30-39 Male				
Mike Ehrmantraut	43	30-39	m	0:35:48
Aaron Wacławski	31	30-39	m	0:37:26
Michael Kirmo	71	30-39	m	0:54:16
David Sms	82	30-39	m	0:55:19
George Shaw	3	30-39	m	0:59:24
30-39 Female				
Jeanne Reichelderfer	26	30-39	f	0:47:54
Amy Nolan	10	30-39	f	0:47:55
Shae Kalmbach	5	30-39	f	0:51:30
Holli Pippin	11	30-39	f	0:51:49
Katrice Church	67	30-39	f	0:53:04
Heather Compton	69	30-39	f	0:53:05
Jill Bos	46	30-39	f	0:54:47
Amy Lothamer	36	30-39	f	0:55:05
Penny Bantz	96	30-39	f	1:02:04
Diane Towlinson	66	30-39	f	1:03:11
Nicole Naimo	93	30-39	f	1:14:34
Tamara Mugeraur	1	30-39	f	1:19:11
40-49 Male				
Eric Drog	57	40-49	m	0:44:12
Jeff Silagy	79	40-49	m	0:44:26
Scott Jonas	17	40-49	m	0:47:32
Jim Tenbusch	73	40-49	m	0:49:35
George Morse	33	40-49	m	0:50:05
Doug Kosch	74	40-49	m	0:50:59
Ron Hart	19	40-49	m	0:54:01
Mike Hoag	20	40-49	m	0:54:02
John Wolfe	94	40-49	m	0:55:33

(Competitor, Bib #, Age Division, Sex, Finish Time)

Keith Toms	76	40-49	m	0:56:11
Fred Christian	38	40-49	m	0:56:56
Kip Dynamite	77	40-49	m	0:58:02
Jerry Andrack	49	40-49	m	0:58:55
Riley McNamara	9	40-49	m	1:08:08
40-49 Female				
Amy Short	78	40-49	f	0:46:34
Donni Jonas	16	40-49	f	0:50:02
Trish Duley	4	40-49	f	0:50:16
Mary Kerwin	27	40-49	f	0:50:32
Jody Hinkle	92	40-49	f	0:51:17
Athena Troher	25	40-49	f	0:51:59
Shannon Verklan	6	40-49	f	0:56:10
Lafonda Dynamite	75	40-49	f	0:58:03
Eileen McGill	56	40-49	f	0:59:28
Dana Lindaquist	37	40-49	f	1:11:33
50-59 Male				
Jesse Lothamer	35	50-59	m	0:43:12
Mark Jurkovich	48	50-59	m	0:45:05
Butch Short	83	50-59	m	0:45:43
Bill Gephart	55	50-59	m	0:50:22
Greg McComas	84	50-59	m	0:50:23
Donald Springs	32	50-59	m	0:51:02
George Kerr	47	50-59	m	0:55:34
Mikey Lesko	22	50-59	m	0:57:55
Bob Williams	89	50-59	m	1:10:39
50-59 Female				
Janeen Dvorak	52	50-59	f	0:54:57
Deb Kanost	39	50-59	f	1:06:12
Denise Schauer	29	50-59	f	1:07:38
Denise Dvorak	53	50-59	f	1:15:46
60+ Male				
Lynn Carey	42	60+	m	0:47:51
James Havel	40	60+	m	0:52:47
60+ Female				
Lorel Evans	18	60+	f	1:05:12
Lorinda Tait	63	60+	f	1:22:34

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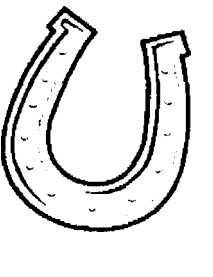
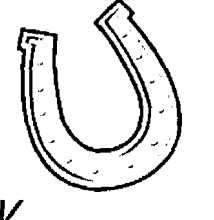

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Hundreds of cyclists participate in 2007 Black Bear Bicycle Tour

More than 260 people participated in this year's Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour, an annual 100-mile ride from Grayling to Oscoda held during the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The 7th annual Black Bear Bicycle Tour was held on the morning of Sunday, July 29. At 8 a.m., participants ran to their bicycles during a mass start in downtown Grayling and began the 100-mile journey to Oscoda.

"It's just a fun way to finish off that weekend," said cyclist Barb Wade, a Grayling resident who has been biking the tour since its inception.

Wade, who was the top finisher in her age division, emphasized that the race is ideal for veteran cyclists and beginners alike.

"Anyone can ride 100 miles as long as they have a bike that rides well and they put in the training," said Wade.

The Black Bear Bicycle Tour is a fund-raiser for the Grayling Rotary Club. The Rotary Club's current service projects include: clean water for developing countries, bicycle helmets for children, economic development programs, and the ongoing effort to eradicate polio from the planet.

"It brings money to the economy...and it raises money that we can put back into Rotary's service projects both locally and globally," said event organizer Wayne Koppa.

This year saw the largest turnout yet, with riders from across the country taking on the challenge. Rotary officials emphasized that as the event grows, it is their goal to keep it fun and accessible to everyone.

"While the event is not a race, the riders are timed so they can have an official indication of how long it took them to cover the 100-mile route. Some of the riders choose to ride the course fast and others take a more casual pace," Rotary Club representatives said.

Through cooperation with local law enforcement officials, Rotary Club organizers endeavor to keep the race course safe and well marked.

"The Rotary just does an excellent job. They just go out of their way to accommodate people," said Wade.

The top 20 finishers in each division of the 2007 Black Bear Bicycle Tour (division place, overall place, name, hometown, time):

- Women 18-30**
1) 103 Jennifer Rautiola, Traverse City, 4:39:29
2) 183 Jennifer Hoag, Grayling, 5:49:04
3) 249 Danielle Lenar, Midland, 7:17:08



Cyclists take off at the start of the Black Bear Bicycle Tour in downtown Grayling. This year marked the largest event participation yet. "There's a big group of us that just do it to ride it," said Grayling cyclist Barb Wade.

- 4) 259 Rachael Kluz, Jenison, 7:42:52
Women 31-40
1) 93 Rita Weber, Lapeer, 4:38:36
2) 136 Danielle Rearick, Traverse City, 5:05:02
3) 162 Christian Jacobend, Orion, 5:31:39
4) 169 Melissa Stackhouse, Santa Rosa, CA, 5:38:30
5) 236 Cari Oppermann, Grayling, 6:42:53
6) 237 Kate Wagner, Grayling, 6:42:55
7) 244 Lori Tyrakowski, Royal Oak, 7:01:16
8) 254 Jean Weiss, Bay City, 7:24:07
9) 260 Sarah Kluz, Jenison, 7:42:52
Women 41-50
1) 19 Leslie Gaines, Okemos, 3:58:40
2) 99 Wanda Hancock, Sault Ste Marie, 4:38:44
3) 108 Mary Fairbanks, Rogers City, 4:43:47
4) 126 Cheryl Howell, Petoskey, 4:50:44
5) 133 Melanie Bowie, Oscoda, 5:04:50
6) 228 Beverly Johnson, Grayling, 6:34:51
7) 247 Carin Northway, Traverse City, 7:01:30
8) 263 Shawn Rothbun, Grand Rapids, 8:16:26
9) 264 Pamela A. Prater, Redford, 8:29:17
10) 265 Cecelia Post, Oscoda, 8:29:21
Women 51-60
1) 158 Steve Mentzer, Suttons Bay, 5:20:21
2) 178 Barb Wade, Grayling, 5:44:24
3) 201 Judy Stirbis, Midland, 6:09:16
4) 262 Linda Lehombar, St. Johns, 8:01:00
Women 61 & Over
1) 248 Billie Lederman-Bauman, Heathcote, NY, 7:09:24
Men 18-30
1) 2 Luke Cavender, Union Lake, 3:58:37
2) 5 Mike Anderson, Alpena, 3:58:38
3) 8 Brian Edwards, Mountain View, CA, 3:58:38
4) 18 Tim Finkel, Royal Oak, 3:58:40
5) 20 Christopher Chase, Marquette, 3:58:40
6) 54 Trac Brott, Blanchard, 4:26:04
7) 79 Dave Engstrom, Charlevoix, 4:30:32
8) 91 Michael Daniels, Kalamazoo, 4:38:22
9) 106 Tim Tubbs, Grayling, 4:41:59
10) 122 Tyler Lane, Fife Lake, 4:48:34
11) 123 Penn Greene, Greenbush, 4:49:15
12) 130 Ben Smith, Ovid, 5:04:34
13) 135 Adam Granger, Glen Arbor, 5:05:01
14) 143 Paul Krzyzaniak, Saginaw, 5:11:07
15) 152 Lee Fowler, Vassar, 5:17:22
16) 155 Nathan Zientek, Hudsonville, 5:18:28
17) 185 James Park, N/A, 5:52:05
18) 203 Brad Potter, Lansing, 6:10:38
19) 209 Christopher Roper, Bonita Springs, FL, 6:20:58
20) 219 Brian Nuszowski, Ann Arbor, 6:28:11
Men 31-40
1) 3 Tim Root, Boise, ID, 3:58:37
2) 4 Charles Rennie, Traverse City, 3:58:37
3) 9 Ty McGregor, Luzerne, 3:58:38
4) 10 Dave Fanslow, Ann Arbor, 3:58:39
5) 11 Rodger Bowser, Ann Arbor, 3:58:39
6) 13 Andrew Weir, Ann Arbor, 3:58:39
7) 14 Jeff Koch, Elk Rapids, 3:58:39
8) 15 Gordy Fitch, Traverse City, 3:58:39
9) 16 Ty Schmidt, Traverse City, 3:58:39
10) 23 Steve Zagacki, Troy, 3:58:41
11) 25 Tim Barrons, Traverse City, 3:58:42
12) 26 Tim Sproul, Arden Hills, MN, 3:58:42
13) 28 Glen Goodman, Bellaire, 3:58:42
14) 32 Ian Lockley, Ann Arbor, 3:58:44
15) 33 Terry Collins, West Olive, 3:59:26
16) 35 Scott Fabijanski, Royal Oak, 3:59:37
17) 37 Craig Fitzpatrick, Macomb, 4:12:32
18) 40 Stephen Smigiel, Cedar Springs, 4:15:52
19) 42 David Dubuque, Harrisville, 4:19:16
20) 45 Frank Tafelsky, Traverse City, 4:23:30
Men 41-50
1) 7 Robert Meikle, Waterford, CT, 3:58:38
2) 12 Robert Pulcifer, Ann Arbor, 3:58:39
3) 17 Dan Hofstra, Traverse City, 3:58:40
4) 21 Craig Braue, Royal Oak, 3:58:40
5) 24 Tadd Autrim, Traverse City, 3:58:41
6) 29 Steve Halstead, Bellevue, 3:58:42
7) 31 Rich Budek, Traverse City, 3:58:43
8) 34 Heff Mast, Grand Haven, 3:59:33
9) 38 Ty Patton, Belleville, 4:13:30
10) 48 John Talbot, Lathrup Village, 4:25:59
11) 50 Dan Gallagher, Grayling, 4:26:02
12) 57 Steve Smith, Dewitt, 4:26:07
13) 60 Dan Engstrom, Charlevoix, 4:28:00
14) 61 Mike Rupprecht, Belleville, 4:28:26
15) 63 Ronald Anderson, Alpena, 4:29:57
16) 64 Jerry Weiss, Bay City, 4:29:59
17) 66 Tom Knutilla, Ann Arbor, 4:29:59
18) 68 David Folkmier, Muskegon, 4:30:00
19) 70 John Ed Moore, Monclova, OH, 4:30:01
20) 71 Ed Wood, Oberlin, OH, 4:30:01
Men 51-60

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by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies League

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, we had such a fantastic guest day with 13 new golfers to join us. As for the weather, the only breeze was in between shots when we rode in the golf carts. We like warm, but this heat is a little more than we need or want.

Jeanette Kitchen had our teams all organized, as to who and where we played and the whole morning went well.

Upon our arrival, back in the air conditioned club house, we enjoyed some nice hot's d'oeuvres and then we were treated to a soup and sandwich buffet with different salads and a choice

of desserts.

Then the winning teams were announced: In first place, the team of Kay Ellen King, Jeanette Kitchen and JoAn Phillips, with a score of 37. In second place there was a tie between the teams of Shelly Cohee and guest Judy Long and Balkis Shippy with guest Norma Olson, and the team of Judy Johnston and guest Valerie Walker and Sherry Hanson and guest Jeanie Collins with a score of 39. In third place was the team of Sharon France and guest Carlene Englund and Rhea Gierke and Gloria Neilson with a score of 40. Good job, members and guests.

We also had a lone chip-in by

Sherry Hanson and Jeanette Kitchen got closest to the pin on #5 and won a cranberry crackling wick candle.

President Nancy Glasslee then welcomed all and declared today a great success and hopefully next year we will have even more to join us. She then introduced Nancy Hoffman, who once again reigned as our resident "joke-meister." She had us all in stitches.

Next week we return back to our regular play. It will be the last week of handicap golf and then we have two weeks of rain days that were never used, and will end with President's Day on Aug. 29. That's all "fore" now.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Runners leave the starting line during the beginning of the 2007 GRA 10K on Saturday, July 28.

Ninety-five runners compete in 2007 GRA 10K

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Warner 0:56:43;

15-19: (male) Joe Webb
0:40:51; (female) Kaitlin Onara
0:43:17;

20-29: (male) Kris Kalbfleisch
0:37:01; (female) Erica

Parkinson 0:45:25;

30-39: (male) Mike
Ehrmantraut 0:35:48; (female)
Jeanne Reichelderfer 0:47:54;

40-49: (male) Eric Drogt
0:44:12; (female) Amy Short
0:46:34;

50-59: (male) Jesse Lothamer
0:43:12; (female) Janceen Dvorak
0:54:57;

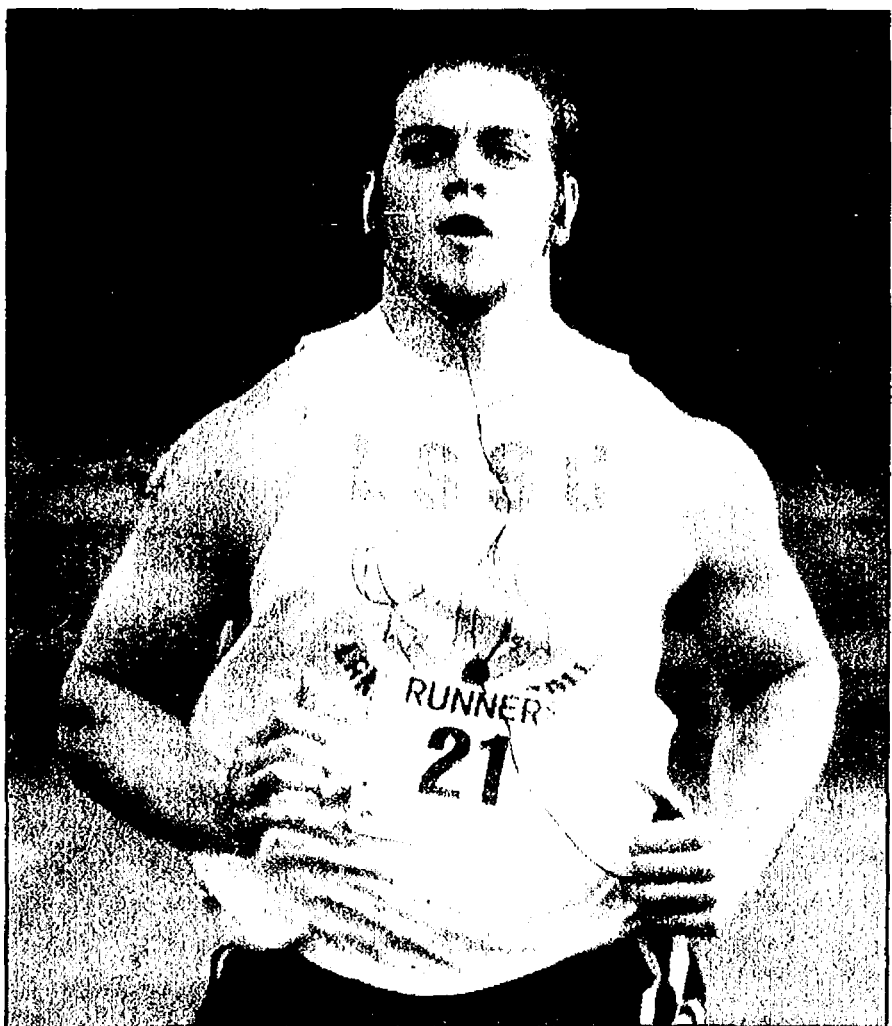
60-Plus: (male) Lynn Carey
0:47:51; (female) Lorel Evans
1:05:12.

A complete list of 2007 GRA

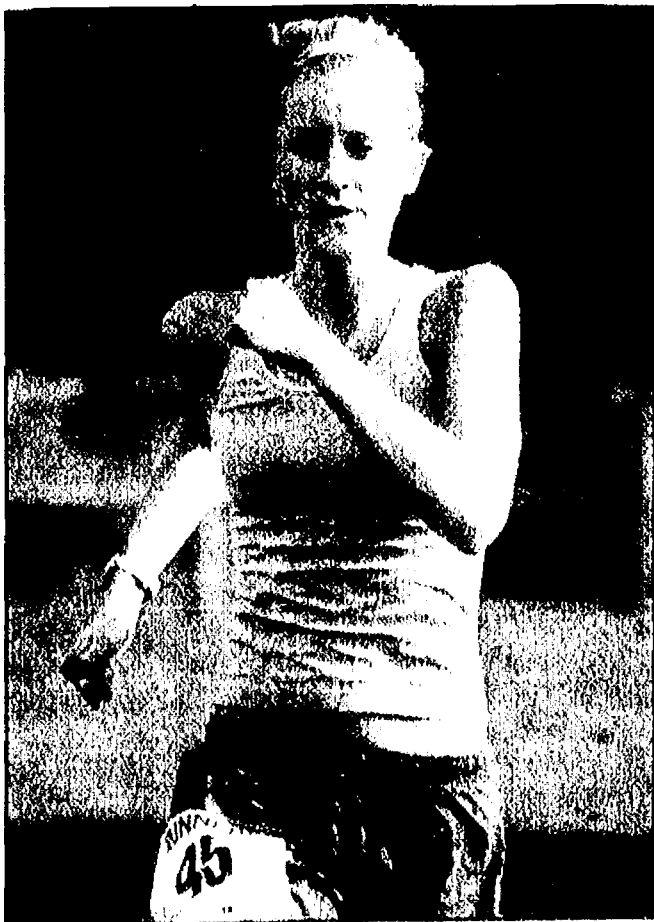
10K results, courtesy of race coordinator Grayling Recreation Authority, is available on Page 1B of this edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, or online at GRA's website: www.hansonhills.org.



Janceen Dvorak (left) and Mike Ehrmantraut (right) approach the GRA 10K finish line on Saturday, July 28.



Jason Strohpaal (left) and Amy Short (right) finish this year's GRA 10K race at Grayling High School.



Brooke Larm (left) and Manuel Vallejo III (right) run in the 2007 GRA 10K.

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GRAYLING LITTLE LEAGUE



Grayling Little League's 2007 Junior League all-star team: (front, L to R) Dakota Peterson, Luke Schneider, David Bergan, Thomas Burrell, Nick McDonald; (back, L to R) Coach Rob Aubry, Zack Wolcott, Jake Helsel, Ethan Lewis, Zane Tobin, Jensen Aubry, Assistant Coach Jake Helsel.



The GLL 2007 Major League all-star squad: (front, L to R) Travis Schreiber, Jake Swander, Kevin Harris, Zach Mack, Zach Schreiber; (middle, L to R) Ty Jensen, Nick Wells, Steven Enos, Nick Scheer, Jeff Enos; (back, L to R) coaches Joel Mack, Bob Jensen, Chad Swander.



Grayling Little League's girls softball Minor League Division all-stars: (front, L to R) Bre'lyn Ross, Denise Peters, Josie Hinkle, Hannah Golnick, Savannah Sullivan, Natalie Woodley, Cierra Prosser; (middle, L to R) Meagan Malm, Maddie Nielson, Mara Adamski, Tara Pummell, Marilyn Jankowski, Victoria Doster; (back, L to R) coaches John Sullivan, Mark Golnick, Mike Jankowski.



The 2007 GLL girls softball Major League all-star team: (front, L to R) Majerle Nielson, Kelsee Dean, Sarah Robinson, Tabitha Watkins; (back, L to R) August Ledesma, Darcy Greer, Kara Malm, Josie Swander. Not pictured: coach Chad Swander. The league's 2007 Junior Division girls softball all-star team (not pictured) included: Jordan Stephan, Shalee Miller, Amber Swanson, Katie Carney, Ashley Jensen, Katie Fitzpatrick, Val Clower, Kirstie Wakeley, Olivia Peters, Kristy Petrosky, and coaches Lacey Stephan and Scott Wakeley.

Hundreds of cyclists participate in 2007 Black Bear Bicycle Tour

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1) 22 Lars Welton, Traverse City, 3:58:41
 2) 27 Dave Ide, Petoskey, 3:58:42
 3) 30 William Kaltz, Pinckney, 3:58:43
 4) 36 Clifford Onthank, Traverse City, 4:00:07
 5) 39 Jeff Doerr, Stanwood, 4:15:50
 6) 41 Tom Karch, Alpena, 4:15:52
 7) 53 Ed Bottrell, Central Lake, 4:26:03
 8) 55 Greg Karbowski, Holland, 4:26:05
 9) 59 David Burkhardt, Brighton, 4:26:31
 10) 62 Ray Yehl, East Tawas, 4:28:56
 11) 69 Dick Fultz, Roscommon, 4:30:00
 12) 72 Doug Schauer, Farmington Hills, 4:30:02
 13) 73 George Schauer, Chandler, AZ, 4:30:02
 14) 75 Jim Scott, Roscommon, 4:30:04
 15) 77 Charlie Warzecha, Oscoda, 4:30:08
 16) 80 Gregory Worsnop, Paw Paw, 4:31:25
 17) 84 John Richardson, Bay View, 4:34:22

18) 86 Duane Amato, Suttons Bay, 4:35:18
 19) 90 Bobby Brady, Alpena, 4:38:20
 20) 92 Vincent Call, Alpena, 4:38:22
 Men 61 & Over
 1) 121 Jeff Smith, East Lansing, 4:47:35
 2) 131 Steve Smigiel, Ada, 5:04:37
 3) 132 Donald Ballingall, White Lake, 5:04:48
 4) 140 David O. Sweeney, Northville, 5:09:50
 5) 148 Jim Nighswander, Luzerne, 5:14:15
 6) 151 Robert Palmer, Walled Lake, 5:17:08
 7) 188 Jim Karner, Rochester Hills, 5:54:32
 8) 211 Bob Roach, Rochester Hills, 6:22:07
 9) 224 Perry Root, West Branch, 6:30:23
 10) 232 Philip Bauman, Heathcote, NY, 6:38:06
 11) 246 William Northway, Traverse City, 7:01:30
 12) 250 Don Mars, Hillman, 7:21:25
 13) 255 Jim Meyer, Onaway, 7:24:36
 14) 261 John Bryant, Grosse Pointe, 7:49:30

Youth Class
 1) 81 Keith Marek, Roscommon, 4:33:50
 2) 177 Brandon McMahon, Grayling, 5:43:23
 Tandem Class
 1) 6 Patrick Aimone, 3:58:38
 2) 160 N/A, N/A, 5:24:48
 3) 240 Mark Reed, Ellen Reed, 6:56:41
 Recumbent Class
 1) 1 David R. Johnson, Olivet, 3:52:24
 2) 43 Bill Hannon, Springfield, OH, 4:21:27
 3) 44 Chris Evans, Northwest, 4:21:29
 4) 46 Doug Jacobs, Springfield, OH, 4:23:57
 5) 47 George Davis, Carmel, IN, 4:24:35
 6) 129 Wally Kiehler, Grosse Pte. Woods, 5:00:21
 7) 147 Ken Koss, Boyne City, 5:13:32
 8) 164 Steve Williams, Lagrange, KY, 5:34:52
 9) 171 Bill Hurte, Marietta, OH, 5:38:48
 10) 192 Bob Krzewinski, Ypsilanti, 5:57:04
 11) 210 Don Smith, Chesterfield, 6:21:50
 McKinley Class (Two people split the trip from Grayling to

Oscoda)
 1) 51 Leah Edwards, Jonathan Glancy, 4:26:03
 2) 65 Rob Hair, Jon Hair, 4:29:59
 3) 98 Carl Irving, Roy Sowersby, 4:38:44
 4) 159 Robert Palmer, Dean Musgrave, 5:20:26
 5) 167 Katherine Nighswander, Jim Nighswander, 5:36:48
 6) 181 Mark Schultz, Neil Burcroff, 5:48:53
 7) 184 Ernie Brumbaugh, Carole Mueller-Brumbaugh, 5:51:46
 8) 196 Ray Vandenberg, Terry Kureth, 6:02:50
 9) 207 Don Clay, Bob Sehn, 6:18:23
 10) 213 Wayne Christopherson, Regina Sehn, 6:23:50
 11) 215 Robert Greene, Hali Greene, 6:25:42
 12) 251 Chris Tompkins, Anna Tompkins, 7:21:50
 13) 252 Patrice Tomkins, 7:21:50
 A complete list of results from the 2007 Black Bear Bicycle Tour is available on the internet at: www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2007.

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vs.
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Lots 43, 44, 45 and 46, Block 18, Portage Heights, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records, including a Darien mobile home 14' x 70'.

Dated: 7/17/07

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
 By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

2007-08 Fiscal Year BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 27, 2007 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Dennis Long, Shawn Krays, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

Members Absent: Ruth O'Mara

Others Present: Cynthia Olson, Deputy Treasurer.

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing for the 2007-08 General Fund, Township Improvement and Liquor Funds.

No citizens other than Grayling Township Board Members and staff were present for comment.

Board proceeded through the proposed budgets by line item adjusting the following areas: GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:

Licenses & Permits decrease from \$150,500 to \$97,000
 RDA Fire Dept Cap Imp Loan for \$500,000 was postponed indefinitely
 Interest on Investments was increased from \$13,000 to \$25,000
 Transfers from Twp Imp Fund was increased from zero to \$19,578.

EXPENDITURES:

Approved 2% salary increases across the board for employees and elected officials
 Fringe Benefits were increased by \$4500.
 S.T.I.N.G. and River Patrol contributions were added pending contract with Crawford County Fire Dept Service decreased from \$153,710 to \$44,163.
 Capital purchases decreased from \$501,900 to \$1,900.
 Bldg. Dept Operations decreased from \$20,000 to \$11,500.

Total public hearing recommendations decreased the General Fund Revenues and Expenses from \$1,631,142 to \$1,097,220.

TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT FUND

Revenues: Unchanged
 Expenses: Transfers to General Fund (for roads) increased \$19,578.

LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Unchanged from proposed budget.

Recommendation from those present at the public hearing that the budgets be adopted as adjusted at this public hearing

Supervisor closed the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

Supervisor called the Special Meeting of the Grayling Township Board to order at 8:21 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider adoption of the Grayling Township Fiscal Year 2007-08 General Fund, Liquor Fund and Township Improvement Fund Budgets. Also, to approve amendments to the 2006-07 Fiscal Year Budgets, if needed, and pay miscellaneous year-end bills. Other matters that may legally be brought before the board will be considered.

1. Other Matters: Old Business: A Mutual Fire Protection Agreement was passed by the City of Grayling at its Council Meeting June 26, 2007 and forwarded to us today. However, it is not in the format tentatively agreed upon at the joint work session held on June 21, 2007. The changes made are not agreeable to Grayling Township. Supervisor is authorized to write a letter negotiating for changes to administration, management and the formula for percentages of expenses to be paid by each party. (See attachment "A" & "B").

2. Motion by Krays, second by Ashton, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 5499, 5523 through 5528, Work Comp Prem. For Liquor Enforcement \$91.00 for a grand total of \$679.00. Ayes; four, Nays: none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

3. 2006-07 General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution: Motion by Long, Second by Krays, that whereas a budget was adopted by the Grayling Township Board to govern the expenditure of the anticipated receipts within the township on June 28, 2006, for the next fiscal year of the township, and whereas as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and expenditures, it is necessary to modify aforesaid budget, and whereas,

such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, now therefore be it resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

FUND/ACT

101-171-712 Supervisor/Fringes increase \$3400
 101-215-712 Clerk/Fringes increase \$900
 101-248-900 Printing & Publishing increase \$950
 101-521-801.011 Compactor Contractual Serv increase \$5000
 101-253-712 Treasures/Fringes decrease \$6800
 101-262-801.022 Elections/QVF computer decrease \$1200
 101-448-926 Street Lights decrease \$2250
 INCREASE + \$ 10250
 DECREASE - \$ 10250

VOTE: Ayes; four, Nays: none, Absent; one. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Krays, second by Long, to resolve to adopt the 2007-08 General Fund Budget with estimated revenues of \$1,097,220.00 and estimated expenditures of \$1,097,220.00 to be balanced at the Dept./Activity level. Roll call: Krays; aye, Long; aye, Ashton; aye, Wright; aye, O'Mara; absent. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Krays, second by Long, to resolve to adopt the 2007-08 Township Improvement Fund

Budget with estimated revenues of \$5600.00 and estimated expenses of \$19,578.00. Roll call: Krays; aye, Long; aye, Ashton; aye, Wright; aye, O'Mara; absent. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Krays, second by Long, to resolve to adopt the 2007-08 Liquor Law Enforcement Fund Budget with estimated revenues of \$2160.00 and estimated expenses of \$2160.00. Roll call: Krays; aye, Long; aye, Ashton; aye, Wright; aye, O'Mara; absent. Motion carried.

7. Motion to adjourn by Krays, carried. All ayes (9:20 p.m.)

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
 Grayling Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of John Forsythe
 Date of birth: 7-23-51

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John Forsythe, who lived at 11270 S. Grayling Rd. Roscommon, Michigan died 7-11-07.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Diane Forsythe, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to

both the probate court and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 8-1-07
 Diane Forsythe
 11270 S. Grayling Rd.
 Roscommon, MI 48653
 989-275-9616

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting July 11, 2007 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Dennis Long, Shawn Krays, Cynthia Olson, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None
 Others Present: Gaila Gilliland
 Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Correspondence: (No action required) Chamber News/July, COA Sr. Gazette/July, Ordinance Enforcement Report/June.

2. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to approve minutes of June 13, 2007 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Long, second by Krays, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2007 Special Meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report for June was distributed and placed on file.

5. Consensus of Board to authorize Supervisor to notify the City of Grayling that Grayling Township would consider liquidating its 50% interest in the Old Fire Barn on Alger Street for \$80,000.00.

6. Motion by Long, seconded by Krays, to authorize the following local depositories for Grayling Township funds for Fiscal Year 2007-08: Citizens Bank, Chemical Bank, 5/3 Bank, Huntington Bank. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Krays, second by Long to appoint the firm of Keskin, Cook, Miller & Alexander LLP to perform the 2006-07 annual local government audit. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Olson, second by Krays, to appoint Richard Jaskowski as Grayling Township Attorney for Fiscal Year 2007-08. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Consensus regarding stalemate in renewal of Mutual Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township. Wait another week for response from City of Grayling, then contact legal counsel for a possible special meeting. Current agreement expired 6-30-07.

10. Gaila Gilliland gave a brief update on 4 Mile Rd. theme park scheduled for Public Hearing on re-zoning July 31, 2007.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

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 October 11, 2002**

11. Supervisor noted that the mediation of the S. Horseshoe Trail Maintenance Special Assessment District complaint regarding current contractor has brought about the decision to assign the contract back to Jack Millikin, Inc.

12. Motion by Long, second by Krays, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 5549-5593, Board and Comm. fees of \$770.00, Liquor Inspections \$120.00, for a grand total of \$56,295.03. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Long, carried. All ayes.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
 Grayling Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting July 19, 2007 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dennis Long, Monica Ashton, Cynthia Olson, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Shawn Krays

Others Present: Richard Jaskowski, Township Attorney.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Grayling City/Township Fire Dept Mutual Fire Protection Agreement. Last agreement expired 6-30-07.

Prior to taking up business the Supervisor announced that he had received confirmation today that as of July 11, 2007 Grayling Township was approved as a Charter Township and will

now be known as the Charter Township of Grayling.

Discussion that there has been no response from the City of Grayling regarding Grayling Township's last proposal for changes to the Mutual Fire Protection Agreement made June 28, 2007.

E-mail received from City Clerk that Fire Dept Committee meeting scheduled for July 17, 2007 has been rescheduled to July 31, 2007.

Jaskowski recommends that Township Fire Committee members should attend meeting, even absent a signed Mutual Fire Protection Agreement.

Discussion turned to Township's quarterly contribution to the Fire Dept expenses. The Township adopted a budget, in anticipation of a signed agreement, which allocated funds to pay 60% of the Fire Dept Budgeted non-capital expenses.

Board members unanimously agreed that even though we are not obligated to pay in the absence of a signed agreement, it would not be good for the community. The Township does not wish to dissolve the Fire Dept and encourages the City to resume negotiations.

Motion by Long, second by Olson, to authorize payment of 50% of the budgeted 60% for the July quarter and hold the remaining 10% in escrow until a Mutual Fire Protection Agreement has been signed. Ayes; four, Absent; one, Nays; none. Motion carried.

Supervisor is authorized to write letter with payment explaining the townships position and urging the city to resume negotiations.

Consensus that the Supervisor may request the presence of the Township Attorney at meetings or conferences regarding the Fire Dept. until we are comfortable that a contract has been negotiated.

Motion to adjourn, carried. Ayes; four, Absent, one, Nays; none. (5:08 p.m.)

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
 Clerk of Charter Township of Grayling

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB070130 Request 20' rear & 40' front property line variance from Natural River 200' required.

Petitioner: Ernest & Carole Mueller - Brumbaugh
 11029 Crooked Lake Rd. N.E.
 Rockford, MI 49341

The above case refers to the following described property:
 9834 White Eagle Bend
 Grayling, MI 49738

Legal Description: "PARCEL 1 & 2
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 Zoning District: RD-R

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

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 Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Elizabeth A. Galloway, a single woman, Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, which mortgage is currently being serviced by The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., dated October 26, 2005, and recorded on November 7, 2005, in Liber 678, Page 326, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$71,799.11 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 10AM at the north front door of the Courthouse in White Cloud, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public vendue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 8.50% (adjustable), all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 7, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 10, Crawford County Records.

All rights of redemption shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241 (a), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Thursday, August 2, 2007

Attorney for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., and The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee
Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.
By: Spencer C. Farris
P-70470
30200 Telegraph Rd., Suite 140
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary M Vican single man, as his sole and sperate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2005, and recorded on February 23, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 878, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty And 78/100 Dollars (\$115,580.78), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 29, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 491 and 492, Warbler's Hideaway Subdivision No. 4, as recorded in Liber 2, page 24 of plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 26, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #093493F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory Cain and Cynthia Cain A/K/A Cynthia A. Cain, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as

nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2005, and recorded on October 13, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 856, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-BC1 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Three And 19/100 Dollars (\$65,703.19), including interest at 11.1% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 29, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Eleven (11), Block Four (4) Plat of Brink's Park, According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 33, Crawford County Records, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 26, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #151836F01

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Matthew E Banko and Sabrina R Banko, Husband and Wife to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2004 and recorded February 10, 2004 in Liber 666 Page 238 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned through mesne assignments to: HSBC Bank (USA), on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$11,876.19) including interest 6.9% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, August 29, 2007. Said premises are situated in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Number 22, Williams Wilderness, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 4377 Melissa Ln, Roscommon MI 48653 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: JULY 19, 2007 HSBC Bank (USA), Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Polestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-72846. (HSBC) ASAP# 877792 07/26/2007, 08/02/2007, 08/09/2007, 08/16/2007

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 07-7289 NC
In the matter of NATHANIEL ALLEN McPHERSON

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at Crawford County Probate Court, before Hon. Monte J. Burnmeister P48732, for the following purpose:

To hear a Petition for Name Change.

7/3/07
Nathaniel A. McPherson
909 Ogemaw St.
Grayling, MI 49738
989-390-5843

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walter J. Cramer to E-Z Living Homes, Inc., dated October 2, 1996, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on October 11, 1996, in Liber 419, Page(s) 339, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 22, 1996, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on November 7, 1996, in Liber 420, Page(s) 562, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$59,891.17, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Walter J. Cramer to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), together with interest at 9.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN

LOT 10, RED PINE ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 07, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green

Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 -9-16-23-30-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Carter G. Pavey, III and Michelle J. Pavey, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Rescue Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2001 and recorded July 3, 2001 in Liber 540, Page 336, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A., as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Nine and 07/100 Dollars (\$28,199.07) including interest at 11.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 12, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 23 and the Westerly 30 feet of Lot 22, Hartig Pines Subdivision, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Page 45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: August 9, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 207.8326 -9-16-23-30

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald G. Vrandenburg, Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 883, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank National Association, Trustee for the Certificateholders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-FF6 as assignee by an assign-

ment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One And 33/100 Dollars (\$72,781.33), including interest at 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on September 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 9, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #051691F04

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by June O Butts, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 28, 1998, and recorded on February 2, 1999 in Liber 473 on Page 423, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighteen Thousand Sixty-Four And 35/100 Dollars (\$18,064.35), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on September 12, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 14, Manistee Talbot Pines Subdivision, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 20, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 9, 2007
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Statement of Non-Discrimination

Upper Peninsula Telephone Company is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender." To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20260-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

Advertisement of Available Service Offerings

Upper Peninsula Telephone Company is a quality telecommunications services provider who provides basic and enhanced services at reasonable rates within its service territory. Basic services are offered at the following rates:

	Monthly Service Charge Range	
	Low	High
Primary Basic Local Exchange Service	\$23.41	\$23.41
Single Party Residence Service	24.50	25.45
Federal Subscriber Line Charge-Single Line	6.50	
Lifeline Service Surcharge	.07	
Universal Service Charge	.63	
Toll Blocking	Available at no charge for low income customers that qualify.	
Emergency 911 Service	Surcharges for 911 services are assessed according to government assessments.	

Low income individuals eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance programs and residents of tribal lands may be eligible for discounts from these basic local service charges through state specified telephone assistance plans.

Basic services are offered to all consumers in the Upper Peninsula Telephone Company service territories at the rates, terms and conditions specified in the Company's tariffs. If you have any questions regarding the Company's services, please call us at 800-639-2111 or toll free at 800-950-8506, or visit our business office at 397 U.S. 41 N, Carney, Michigan for further information regarding our services.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals from electrical contractors for a period from September 1, 2007 through August 30, 2008 to perform minor electrical work (jobs that are not expected to exceed \$3,000 in scope) at campus facilities in Roscommon and at the M-TEC campus in Gaylord.

Proposals will be received in the facilities management office until Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at which time they will be open and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be requested by calling 989-275-5000, ext 263 during regular business hours or by visiting the facilities management office (located in the Arts/Maintenance Building at the Roscommon campus). The college reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities at 989-275-5000, Ext.249.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for rubbish collection and removal services from truck-lift containers for a period beginning September 1, 2007 and extending through August 31, 2009 for facilities located at 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be open and publicly read. All proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the facilities management office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



August 9, 1984 - Frank Weiss won a prize for this catch- the smallest fish taken during the Trout-A-Rama.

23 Years Ago August 9, 1984

In the closest county race, William Ruddy defeated incumbent Don Welsner for the Republican nomination for county commissioner of district five by a 108 to 105 vote. Incumbent Mary Harland won the Republican nomination for county commissioner of district two by 71 to 56 over Les Powers. Garland Joyce won the Republican nomination for county commissioner of district seven

by 167 to 86 over Mahlon Riker. In a county-wide sheriff Republican nomination race, Harold Hatfield beat Mike Anthony 799 to 401.

For the first time since the race started in 1980, Crawford County runners dominated the Milltown 10K race with Eric Gardey, of South Branch Township winning. Gary Monday of Trenton, was second, Jim Gardiner, of Grayling, was first in his age division and third overall. Geoff Stancil and Doug Moggo, both of

Grayling, finished sixth and seventh overall. Jerry Beckwith and Steve Clark, both of Grayling, took ninth and tenth overall. Jon Nicholas, 17, of Grayling, was 13th overall, Tom Newman, of Grayling, won his age division. Gina Medley, 16, of Grayling, took first in the women's division and 32nd overall and Michelle Moore, 15, also of Grayling, won her division. She was one of the youngest finishers along with Rick Sprague, 15, of Grayling.

During the Trout-A-Rama, Frank Weiss, won a prize for the smallest fish, Bill Reichelderfer caught the biggest fish of 17 1/4 inch, 17.8 pound trout, Ken Felks caught the most fish, Nicky Morrill won a prize for the ugliest fish and Sarah McGuire was the youngest fisherman at 1 1/2 years old.

46 Years Ago August 10, 1961

Miss Claudia Henig was eight years old and to celebrate, her mother arranged a surprise party of 11 friends awaiting her return from music lessons. The young ladies enjoyed playing games, with Becky Kangas, Mary Kay Hunter, Raylene Slusser and Kathy Ellison winning prizes.

Ohio's more than 8,000 members of the 37th Infantry Division will pour into Camp Grayling this weekend to begin two weeks of extensive training. It is the second year in a row that the Buckeye State National Guardsmen have trained at the local military reservation.

69 Years Ago August 11, 1938

Jack Rasmussen enjoyed his first train ride when he returned on the morning train from a two week visit at the Patric Mahoney home in Bay City. Bob Mahoney accompanied him home.

William Maynard of Flint and wife and party of friends were in Grayling Monday while on an auto tour of Northern Michigan. Mr. Maynard lived in Grayling about 34 years ago, and played on the then famous Grayling football team. At that time the team was managed by Holger (Hawk) Hanson. Among others on the team were Bob Reagan, Eddie and William Nolan.

92 Years Ago August 12, 1915

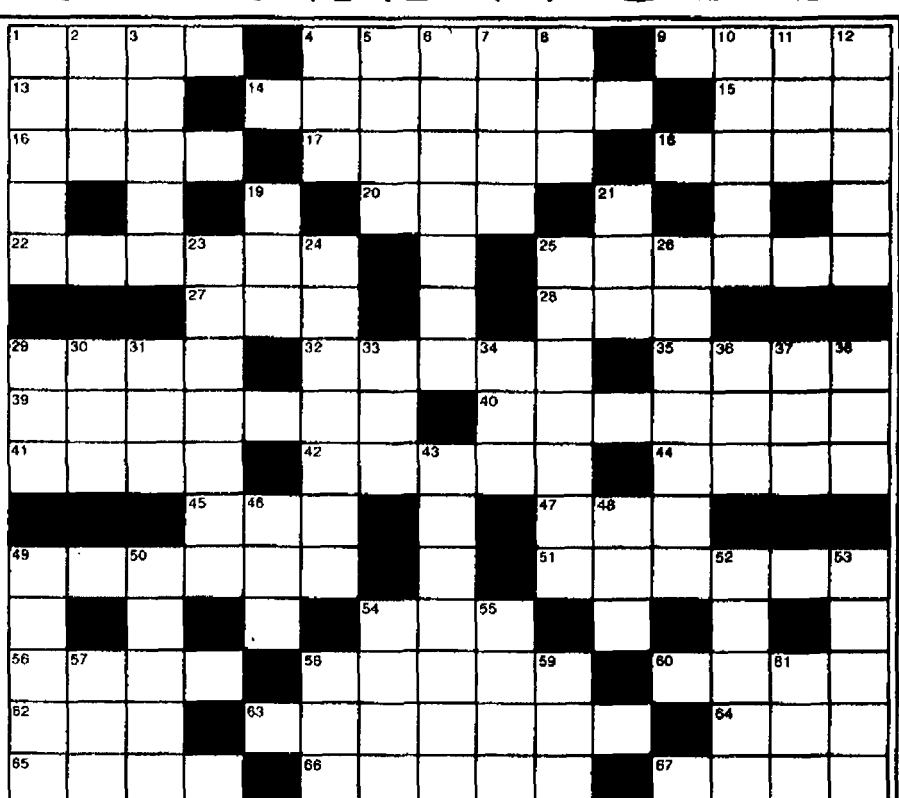
Plans for the erection of a new hotel at the corner of Michigan Ave. and Cedar Street have been underway for several months past and have now arrived at a stage that assures their completion. Victor Salling will erect a one-story building on the adjacent lot.

H. Swaffield of Wolverine purchased the grocery and meat business of Mike Adbella on the south side and is now in charge of the store.

Miss Minna Kraus is expected home this week from Watertown, Ill., where she has been holding the position of dietician in the state hospital.

Ed McCracken, of Frederic, had the misfortune of the burning of his garage and auto. He woke up in the night and found the building in flames.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Acronym for National Undersea Research Center.
4. Michael J., Canadian bassist and composer.
9. Artfully persuasive in speech.
13. Acronym for Emission Level Impact.
14. Convert code into ordinary language.
15. Gold color.
16. Test the weight of something by lifting it.
17. Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.
18. Egg-like two-dimensional shape.
20. Abbreviation for diphenylamine.
22. Feeling anxiety.
25. Sandoval, alternative pop artist.
27. Term used to introduce the name of the family to which a married woman belongs by birth.
28. Sadness associated with some wrong done.
29. Plural of locus.
32. Slang for "legitimate."
35. Mercantile establishment for the retail sale of goods.
39. One's own individuality considered as private and apart from others.
40. Characterized by a firm, humorless belief in the validity of your opinions.
41. Fanatically devoted to a cause.
42. Things that are part of a list.
44. Open vessel with a handle and a spout for pouring.
45. Old plural of "eye."
47. Slender bristly appendage found on the bracts of grasses.
49. Man who serves as a sailor.
51. Situated below.
54. Lunar impact crater located on the far side of the moon.
56. Certainly.
58. Sandbank in a stretch of water that is visible at low tide.
60. Charity donations to the poor.
62. Louis-Michel van ... French painter.
63. Small vein.
64. Dominic Purcell, John ...
65. Edible potato-like root from a tropical climbing plant.
66. In a coy manner.
67. Acronym for All Source Production Section.

Down

1. First Prime Minister of the Republic of India.
2. Central American rubber tree.
3. Search through someone's belongings in an unauthorized way.
4. Babylonian god of the earth.
5. Got the better of someone.
6. Sea cucumber.
7. Long-bodied, long-tailed tropical American wildcat.
8. Engage in espionage.
10. Significant other to whom you are not related by marriage.
11. Acronym for Intrinsic Sympathomimetic Activity.
12. Beneath.
19. Particular service.
21. Acronym for Goodnews Bay, Alaska, USA.
23. Liqueur-flavored seeds used in baking.
24. Uttering a loud inarticulate cry as of pain.
25. Person skilled in an applied art.
26. Movement downward.
29. Parcel of land having fixed boundaries.
30. Form of the possessive case of "we" used as an attributive adjective.
31. 2005 album by Seu Jorge.
33. Newt.
34. Distinctive theory.
36. Cut with blows.
37. Solid mineral aggregate.
38. For each.
43. Harmonious succession of words with a pleasing sound.
46. Eternity.
48. Small.
49. In a bashful manner.
50. Saying widely accepted on its own merits.
52. Have as a major characteristic.
53. Song by Silverchair off their album Freak Show.
54. Song from the 1953 Broadway musical Wonderful Town.
55. Shopping center with shops closed to vehicles.
57. Acronym for World Olympians Association.
58. Secant.
59. Meadow.
61. Wipe.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Summer Fruit Shortcake

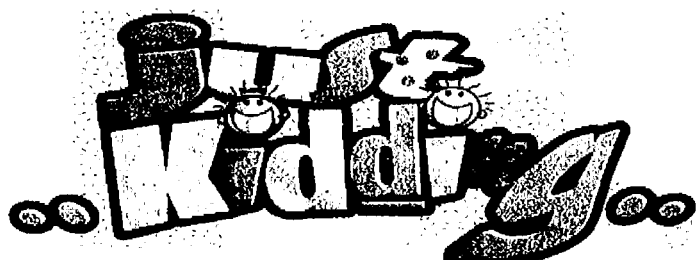
- 1 carton vanilla light ice cream
- 1-1/2 cups buttermilk baking mix
- 8 Tbsp sugar, divided
- 1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 3 egg whites, beaten

- 3 cups fresh seasonal fruit (sliced strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, sliced peaches, sliced nectarines, etc.)

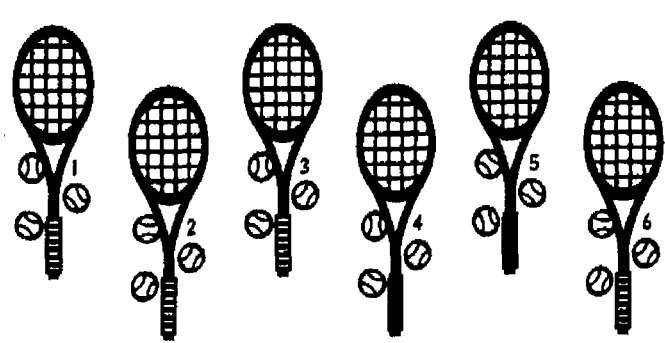
Fresh mint leaves, to garnish

Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine baking mix and 6 Tbsp sugar. Stir in yogurt and egg whites until dry ingredients are just moistened. Spread batter in greased 9-inch round cake pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack. While the shortcake is cooling, combine fruit with remaining 2 Tbsp sugar to sweeten. Cover and refrigerate. To Assemble: Soften ice cream at room temperature for about 5-10 minutes. Split shortcake in half horizontally, and place bottom layer, sliced side up, onto serving plate. Top with a layer of ice cream (about 2 cups); place half of fruit mixture on top of ice cream. Repeat layers ending with fruit. Garnish with mint.

Makes 12 Servings

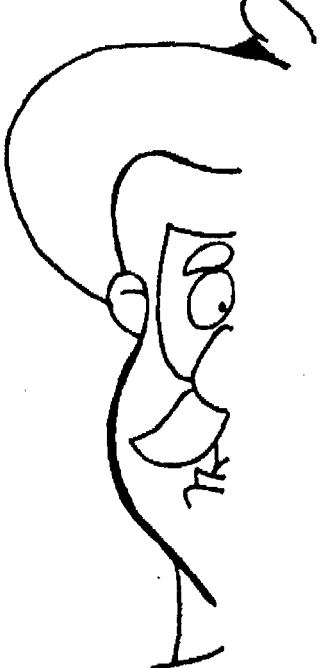


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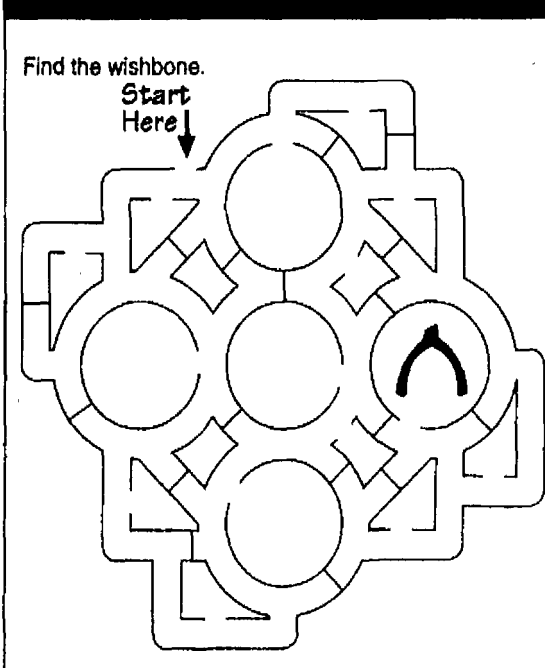


U.B. THE ARTIST

Complete the Face. Draw what you see.



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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Hollis

would love to go home. This happy senior dog has won the hearts of shelter staff and volunteers. He is a charmer to say the least. We have no idea where he came from and since an owner has not come to claim Hollis we are hoping to find him a loving new home.

Holly

is a real treat. This 3 year old mixed breed dog has a wonderful brindle coat and a nice face. She is intelligent and affectionate. She is spayed, vaccinated and ready for a family.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of August 9, 2007



December 22-
January 19

You manage to finish a project in record time. Buy yourself a little something to celebrate. A friend has a burning question—be honest.



March 21-
April 19

A taste of freedom sends a young pal into a frenzy. Do your best to guide them back where they belong. Aries. A task at hand proves easier than you thought.



June 22-
July 22

You add to the chaos at home with a crass remark. You can't take back what you said, Cancer, but you can make an apology and restore peace. Get a move on.



September 23-
October 22

The news you were hoping for comes. Get everyone together and tell them all at once. A lost item reappears much to the surprise of a certain someone.



January 20-
February 18

Flower power is the theme of this week. You will strive for peace in everything you do, Aquarius, and take a big step into social activism.



April 20-
May 20

Life's little lessons are not always easy to bear, but you will get through the one that comes to you this week. What you learn will be valuable beyond measure.



July 23-
August 22

Life can be cruel, but not this week. Happiness is yours, and all of those little worries you've been carrying around dissolve. A door of opportunity beckons.



October 23-
November 21

Big plans get put on hold this week. You need not worry, though, Scorpio. What you are planning will happen sooner than you think, and the results will be astounding.



February 19-
March 20

The answer to a romantic query becomes clear. Take what a coworker says with a grain of salt. Others issues are fogging up their judgment.



May 21-
June 21

You find the courage to face your fears and mend a broken dream, Gemini. News of a friend's plight motivates you to find an alternative solution.



August 23-
September 22

A glimpse into the life of another shows you how good you really do have it. Show your gratitude, Virgo, by getting more involved in the community.



November 22-
December 21

You fall just short of completing an objective. Don't beat yourself up about it. You will experience success with many others. A last-minute invite comes your way.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
8/1	94	60	0						
8/2	91	55	0	High 82	High 85	High 84	High 88	High 84	High 85
8/3	84	49	0	Low 56	Low 56	Low 58	Low 57	Low 57	Low 57
8/4	84	48	0						
8/5	82	53	0						
8/6	87	62	0	Isolated T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-Storms	Scattered Showers

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AUSABLE MAINSTREAM 5 miles east of Grayling. Public and private access across road. New 2x6 construction, two bath, two bedroom \$125,000. Cabin next door \$85,000. 989-348-4840. (-19-26-2-9/1)

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate


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1. Real Estate


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1. Real Estate


HOME FOR SALE 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat or large family home with outbuildings in Lovells. Bank appraised at \$255,000, now available for \$179,000. Call 989-732-2600. (7/26/07)(t/1)



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NEW LISTING



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NEW LISTING



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2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

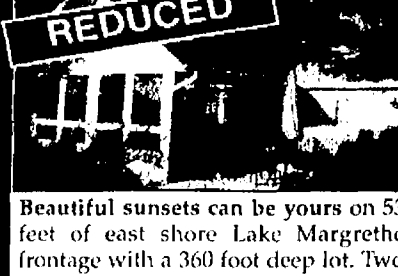
1 and 2 Bedroom apartments available for immediate occupancy. Whispering Pines Senior Community in Grayling has beautiful apartments, huge living room, walk-in closets, free heat, free hot water, and air conditioning. Great resident events and friendly staff. Rent based on 30% of your income. Low to moderate incomes welcome for people 62 and older or disabled of any age, with or without children. For personal showing, call Peggy at 989-344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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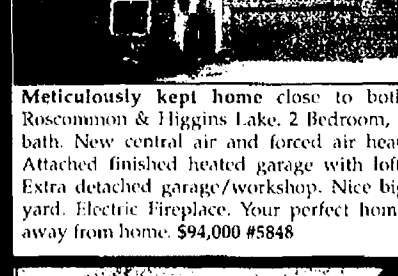
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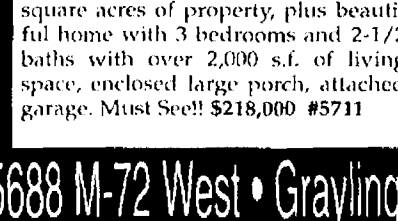
Beautiful sunsets can be yours on 53 feet of east shore Lake Margrethe frontage with a 360 foot deep lot. Two bedrooms, one bath and a 2 car garage. Cement patio between house and garage is 13 x 13. \$385,500 #5872

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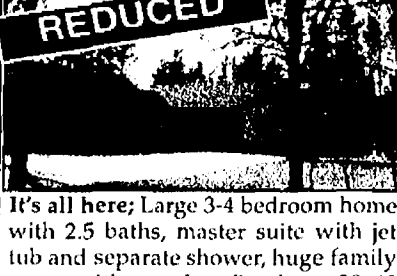
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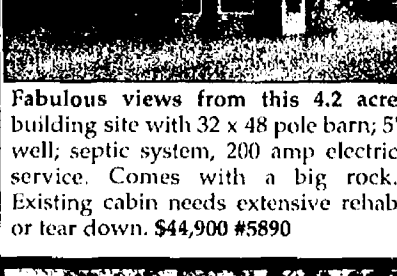
Secluded but easy access, beautiful 10 square acres of property, plus beautiful home with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths with over 2,000 s.f. of living space, enclosed large porch, attached garage. Must See!! \$218,000 #5711

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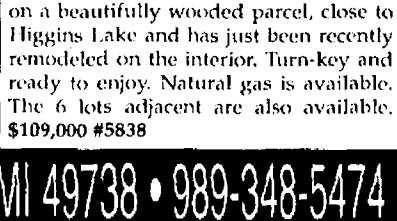
It's all here; Large 3-4 bedroom home with 2.5 baths, master suite with jet tub and separate shower, huge family room with gas log fireplace, 30x48 pole barn and 20x24 insulated shop and so much more. \$219,000 #5842

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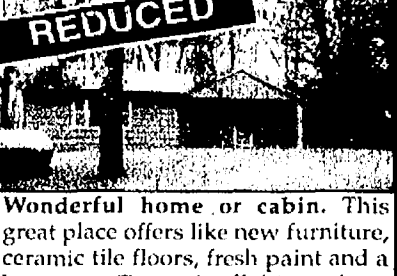
Fabulous views from this 4.2 acre building site with 32 x 48 pole barn; 5' well; septic system, 200 amp electric service. Comes with a big rock. Existing cabin needs extensive rehab or tear down. \$44,900 #5890

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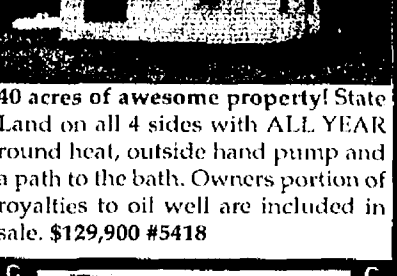
This comfortable 3 bedroom home sets on a beautifully wooded parcel, close to Higgins Lake and has just been recently remodeled on the interior. Turn-key and ready to enjoy. Natural gas is available. The 6 lots adjacent are also available. \$109,000 #5838

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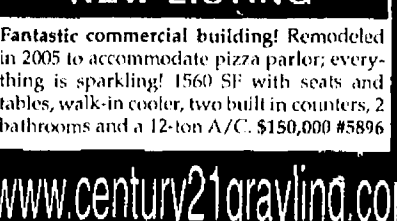
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3. Employment

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LATE	WIDE	PALEA
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PAW	SIB	IMPS
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ARE	DRILL	SEE
GANG	ALEI	ISNT
EDEN	ONE	ENS
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6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05t/6)

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WANTED TO BUY Wood cook stove. 989-390-9164 or 989-348-5348. (-9/6)

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

FAMILY GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06t/8)

WANTED People to enjoy a day with each other. Food will be the only cost. Adult and children's games and prizes all day (10 a.m.-5 p.m.). Harrison Street Fair. August 24. 989-539-6011 for more info. (-2-9/8)

BICYCLE CLUB FORMING On July 19, 2007, a meeting was held at the main lodge at Hanson Hills to discuss the possibility of forming a bicycle club for the Crawford County area. In attendance were: Amy Gauthier, Nate Ginther, Tim Tubbs, Mark Gingerick, Robert Smith, Eric Isaacsen, Bert Nettleton, Mike Creps, Dave Jansen and Karl Schreiner. Among the ideas presented were to form weekly rides for bicycle riders of varying abilities, promote the health benefits of bicycle riding, promote riding to work and participating in various events such as the Ride of Silence (to honor riders killed or injured by motor vehicles) or memorial rides. There was also discussion about supporting already existing events such as the Black Bear ride and the Hanson Hills bike festival. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m., again at the main lodge at Hanson Hills. All ages and abilities are invited. A bike ride will follow (helmets are required). (-9/8)

8. Announcements

ESTATE AUCTION Sat., Aug. 11, 10 a.m., Mio. Furniture, glass, vanity, linens, primitives, mannequins, garage related, Amigo Scooter, boat & more. View online or call. Lets Talk Auction Company, 989-848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-9/8)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 at 7 p.m. Calvary Baptist Academy will be celebrating its 30th anniversary at the school. All past and present students, families and friends are invited to attend. Please join us for fellowship and fun. (-9/8)

CANOE MARATHON and festival pictures are online at www.fanniefinn.com. (-2-9/8)

ATTENTION ICE HOCKEY PLAYERS of all ages. Skate North Youth Hockey at Kalkaska Coliseum is looking for people interested in all levels of ice hockey. Youth registration will begin very soon for all skill levels (Mites, Squirts, PeeWee, Banham and Midgets). For more information on participating in the Skate North programs, contact Joanne or Shawn Krayes at 989-348-6850 or Helen Crawford at 231-258-8987. (-2-9/8)

9. Personals

JASON AND AARON WEST-ERVELT will be in Grayling August 10 thru 12. Friends may call 989-390-2953. (-2-9/9)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bob and Marg Welch. Wow, 70! Let her rip! Love Kendall, Michele & Bill. (-9/9)

10. Garage Sales

2 FAMILY MOVING SALE Fri. & Sat., Aug. 10 & 11 from 9-5. Pole barn next to K of C Hall on Frederic Hwy., Roscommon. Everything nice & reasonably priced. (-2-9/10)


GARAGE SALE McIntyre Landing Rd. Let my old be your new. Nice clothes, home accessories, golf items and more. Stop by and browse awhile. Aug. 10 and 11, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (-9/10)

GPA'S Junque in the Trunk (a community sale) is Sat., Sept. 1, in the Grayling Mini Mall parking lot. Call Pat Schmid, 989-348-2639 to reserve your \$15 space. (-9-16-23-30sg/10)


9TH ANNUAL ROTARY garage sale. Lots and lots of treasures for all. Sat., August 11, 9-5, Sun., August 12, 12-3:30 p.m. at the old Bear Archery building on M-72 West. (-9/10)

9. Personals

Happy 50th Birthday



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7/16/93 - 7/26/07

Thanks to all my 4 and 2 legged friends for all the fun you gave me. I will miss you all.

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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Sat. and Sun., August 11 & 12, & Sat., 18 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. AuSable Trail out West M-72. Lots of miscellaneous items. Some antiques. Washer/dryer, fridge, stove. (-9/10)

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Aug. 9, 10, 11, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 6647 Nottingham Dr. Furniture, riding lawnmower with blade & mower deck, bike, lg. fish tank, ski equipment, computer, clothes, much more. (-9/10)

BIG YARD SALE starting Aug. 10 - Aug. 11, Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Too much stuff to mention. In Karen Woods, 6265 Atkinson Rd. & corner of Marshall. Follow signs. (-9/10)

MOVING SALE Fri. - Sat., 9-? 710 Elm St., Grayling. Rain or shine. (-9/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday, 10-4 p.m. 767 South AuSable Trail. (-9/10)

AUGUST 11 & 12 Everything out must go. Go-cart, F-250, all kinds of things. 1227 Hoot Owl. North Down River to Headquarters to Richardson, follow signs. Nothing reasonable refused. (-9/10)

BIG GARAGE SALE Something for everyone. 417 Isenhauer Rd., 9-3, Fri. & Sat. (-9/10)

GARAGE SALE Aug. and Sept. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 6937 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling. Something for everyone. (-9/10)

11. Automotive

10. Garage Sales

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., Aug. 10 & 11, 9-4. Large selection including furniture, bikes, household items, children's clothing and toys, decorations, TV and much more. M-72 West just beyond Manistee River Road to Korth Trail. South on Korth Trail 1/4 mile. (-9/10)

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BABY ITEMS, KIDS CLOTHES women's dress clothes, new gas grill, humidifier, new TV stand, dishes, pans, 2 photo printers & furniture, 5950 Rosemary Ln. Sat. & Sun., 9-5. (-9/10)

11. Automotive

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These grants will be awarded in September of 2007. Funding is available to any local, state, public or private agency, or non-profit organization. Types of funding include, but are not limited to, new programs or services, enhanced or expanded services, or services coordination.

The CRCPC will review applications at its September 2007 meeting. The deadline to apply is September 5, 2007.

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